

KNTV/NBC Bay Area

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KNTV/NBC BAY AREA is responsive to the principal issues arising in its community through regularly scheduled public affairs programming, newscasts, public service announcements as well as documentaries and specials. The following is a list of some of the programs that have provided the station's most significant treatment of community issues during the preceding three-month period.

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/ 05/11 REPORTED...TIM COOK, APPLE'S C-E-O, JUST RELEASED THIS EMAIL TO ALL EMPLOYEES ABOUT THE PASSING OF STEVE JOBS. IN PART IT READS: I HAVE SOME VERY SAD NEWS TO SHARE WITH ALL OF YOU. STEVE PASSED AWAY EARLIER TODAY. APPLE HAS LOST A VISIONARY AND CREATIVE GENIUS, AND THE WORLD HAS LOST AN AMAZING HUMAN BEING. THOSE OF US WHO HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO KNOW AND WORK WITH STEVE HAVE LOST A DEAR FRIEND AND AN INSPIRING MENTOR. STEVE LEAVES BEHIND A COMPANY THAT ONLY HE COULD HAVE BUILT, AND HIS SPIRIT WILL FOREVER BE THE FOUNDATION OF APPLE. THE COMPANY IS PLANNING A CELEBRATION OF STEVE JOBS' EXTRAORDINARY LIFE THAT WILL TAKE PLACE SOON FOR ALL EMPLOYEES. JOBS IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE LAURENE POWELL AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN AND AS WELL AN OLDER DAUGHTER FROM A PREVIOUS RELATIONSHIP.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/06/11 REPORTED... THE PROTESTS CALLED 'OCCUPY WALL STREET -- IS SPREADING FAR PAST WALL STREET. THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE PROTESTING THE NATION'S BIGGEST BANKS AND GOVERNMENT BAILOUTS. LAST NIGHT IN SAN FRANCISCO, PROTESTERS WERE CONFRONTED BY POLICE. ONE PERSON WAS ARRESTED FOR ASSAULTING AN OFFICER. THE PROTESTS CONTINUED THIS MORNING. PEOPLE LINED UP IN FRONT OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BUILDING. POLICE AND PUBLIC WORKS CREWS SHOWED UP AND TOOK DOWN SIGNS, TENTS AND OTHER BELONGINGS. AT ONE POINT THERE WERE ABOUT 70- POLICE OFFICERS WAITING AROUND THE CORNER FROM THE CAMP SET UP ON MAIN STREET. THE PROTESTS HAVE GROWN SINCE THEY STARTED MORE THAN TWO WEEKS AGO IN NEW YORK CITY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/14/11 REPORTED... NOW THAT NASA HAS PHASED-OUT THE SPACE SHUTTLE.. IT'S TURNING TO RICHARD BRANSON TO GET ITS SCIENTISTS INTO ORBIT. THAT'S RIGHT, NASA IS BOOKING A CHARTER FLIGHT WITH *VIRGIN GALACTIC.*THE COMPANY ANNOUNCED LAST YEAR IT WOULD BE THE FIRST TO SEND TOURISTS INTO SPACE. NASA'S CONTRACT CALLS FOR IT TO SEND 13- HUNDRED POUNDS OF SCIENCE-EQUIPMENT INTO ZERO-GRAVITY. OF COURSE THERE ARE NO LUGGAGE LIMITS FOR NASA! IT'S PAYING MORE THAN FOUR-MILLION DOLLARS FOR THREE FLIGHTS

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/18/11 REPORTED... THE PORT OF OAKLAND CREATES ABOUT 70,000 JOBS FOR THE REGION AND TODAY IT GOT A BIG FEDERAL BOOST TO HELP STAY COMPETITIVE. CONGRESSWOMAN BARBARA LEE CAME TO THE PORT TODAY TO ANNOUNCE A FUNDING MILESTONE OF NEARLY 350-MILLION DOLLARS. THAT MONEY CAME INTO THE PORT OVER TIME. THE PORT IS A HUGE ECONOMIC ENGINE FOR THE REGION... AND THESE FUNDS WILL BE USED TO REMOVE SILT AND KEEP THE PORT AT 50 FEET DEEP SO THAT CONTAINER SHIPS CAN CONTINUE TO NAVIGATE THROUGH THE WATER. A SPOKESPERSON SAYS MOST PORTS HAVE FACED CHALLENGES WITH THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN. THIS SHOULD PUT OAKLAND IN A GOOD

POSITION WHEN CONDITIONS IMPROVE. OAKLAND IS THE 5TH BUSIEST CONTAINER PORT IN THE U-S.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/18/11 REPORTED... VIRGIN AMERICA COULD BRING MORE THAN PASSENGERS TO THE BAY AREA. THEY COULD SOON BE BRINGING HUNDREDS OF JOBS. THE BURLINGAME-BASED AIRLINE IS ANNOUNCING PLANS TO ADD ABOUT 500 NEW JOBS EVERY YEAR FOR THE NEXT THREE TO FIVE YEARS. SIR RICHARD BRANSON ATTENDED TODAY'S RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY. THE EVENT INCLUDED A TOUR OF A NEW FULL-SIZE FUSELAGE. BURLINGAME WILL NOW BE HOME TO THE NEW "CABIN TRAINER" FACILITY... WHERE VIRGIN WORKERS WILL UNDERGO TRAINING. THE NEW CABIN TRAINER FEATURES TOUCH SCREEN ENTERTAINMENT - AND WAS CREATED IN HOPES OF BETTER DELIVERING SPECIALIZED TRAINING FOR ITS EMPLOYEES

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/18/11 REPORTED... THE ECONOMY MIGHT BE FRIGHTFUL, BUT THAT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE STOPPING HAUNTED HOUSES FROM MAKING GOOD MONEY THESE DAYS. IN FACT, THE EVIL ECONOMY SEEMS TO HAVE HELPED THE HORROR BUSSINESS. PEOPLE ARE FLOCKING TO HAUNTED HOUSES IN THE THOUSANDS. ACCORDING TO RESEARCHERS, CASH CONCIOUS CONSUMERS ARE MORE LIKELY TO SPEND MONEY ON EXPERIENCES, RATHER THAN THINGS. HAUNTED HOUSES ARE SEEN AS THE PERFECT ESCAPE BECAUSE THEY ARE FUN AND AFFORDABLE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/19/11 REPORTED... THEY'RE CHEERING FOR NEW JOBS IN SILICON VALLEY.. WHERE COMPUTER GIANT DELL, HEADQUARTERED IN TEXAS, JUST OPENED ITS NEWEST RESEARCH CENTER. WE TALKED ONE ON ONE WITH DELL FOUNDER MICHAEL DELL ABOUT WHY TWO NEW BUILDINGS, AND TWO HUNDRED NEW HIRES .. WILL LOCATE HERE. WITH THE REST OF THE STATE, AND COUNTRY 'LOSING' JOBS .. THE TECH INDUSTRY IS GIVING SILICON VALLEY A BOOST. UP THE ROAD A BIT .. BIOTECH GIANT GILEAD SCIENCES BROKE GROUND ON A NEW BUILDING .. 14 MILLION DOLLARS IN THE MAKING .. HUNDREDS OF NEW JOBS NEEDING TO BE FILLED. NEW JOBS IN THE LAB, TO HELP SAVE LIVES .. ALONG WITH NEW JOBS TO MAKE HIGH-TECH TOOLS FOR YOUR HOME AND BUSINESS .. IT'S WHY SILICON VALLEY IS ABLE TO BUCK THE TREND OF JOB STAGNATION .INSTEAD, GROWING, BUILDING .. AND HIRING. DELL SAYS IT NEEDS 200 PEOPLE RIGHT AWAY .. WITH PLANS TO GROW EVEN MORE IN THE FUTURE .. GILEAD WILL PUT CONSTRUCTION WORKERS TO WORK TO 'BUILD' ITS NEW FACILITY .. PART OF AN EXPANSION PROJECT THAT WILL BRING AS MANY AS 17-HUNDRED NEW EMPLOYEES TO THE COMPANY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/20/11 REPORTED... MILLIONS USE FACEBOOK TO LOOK FOR FRIENDS. NOW THE U-S LABOR DEPARTMENT WANTS YOU TO USE FACEBOOK TO LOOK FOR JOBS. FACEBOOK IS TEAMING-UP WITH THE LABOR DEPARTMENT IN A *SOCIAL JOBS PARTNERSHIP*. EVENTUALLY IT WILL EXPAND TO TWITTER, LINKED-IN, AND OTHER NETWORKING SITES. THE FEDS ADMIT THERE IS STILL A HUGE IMBALANCE-- WITH THREE-MILLION JOB OPENINGS, AND 14-MILLION PEOPLE WHO ARE UNEMPLOYED. WHAT FACEBOOK WILL DO IS HELP DIRECT PEOPLE TO THE NATION'S ONE-STOP CAREER CENTERS OR TO THE LABOR DEPARTMENT'S SITE WITH ONLINE TOOLS-- A RESOURCE WHICH APPARENTLY IS UNDER-UTILIZED.

CONSUMER ISSUES

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/06/11 REPORTED... BE CAREFUL OF WHAT YOU LOOK AT AFTER SIGNING OFF OF YOUR FACEBOOK PAGE. A FACEBOOK USER IN KANSAS HAS SUED THE SOCIAL NETWORKING GIANT FOR USING 'TRACKING COOKIES' THAT VIOLATE WIRETAP LAWS. THE COOKIES CAN ALLEGEDLY

TRACK USER ACTIVITY EVEN AFTER THEY HAVE LOGGED OUT OF THE SITE. IN THE PAST, COURTS HAVE DISMISSED SIMILAR CASES AGAINST FACEBOOK, CLAIMING THAT COMPUTER COOKIES DO NOT EQUAL WIRE TAPS. FACEBOOK DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THE LAWSUIT BUT HAS PREVIOUSLY SAID THAT IT DOES NOT STORE OR USE ANY INFORMATION THAT IT SHOULD NOT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/10/11 REPORTED... NETFLIX - AFTER ROLLING OUT PLANS TO SPLIT INTO A PAIR OF SEPERATE COMPANIES .. TODAY ADMITTING THAT IT WAS A BAD IDEA .. GIVING IN TO PRESSURE FROM SUBSCRIBERS WHO WERE COMPLAINING, OR JUST LEAVING THE SERVICE ALTOGETHER ..NO MORE QWIKSTER .. NO MORE DOUBLE-BILLING WITH TWO WEBSITES .. NOW, YOU CAN RENT DVD's AND STREAM MOVIES FROM NETFLIX .. LIKE BEFORE. WALL STREET STILL UNCERTAIN ABOUT THE COMPANY .. NETFLIX SHARES DOWN 5 PERCENT ON THE DAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/19/11REPORTED... BART SAYS IT HAS THE RIGHT TO INTERRUPT CELL PHONE SERVICE AT ITS TRAIN STATIONS *IF* THERE'S IMMINENT UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY OR PASSENGER SAFETY IS THREATENED. THAT'S THE NEW PROPOSAL RELEASED BY THE TRANSIT AGENCY TODAY. IT COMES AFTER BART RECEIVED HARSH CRITICISM FOR BLOCKING CELL PHONE RECEPTION AT SEVERAL SAN FRANCISCO TRAIN STATIONS IN EARLY AUGUST TO HINDER A PLANNED DEMONSTRATION. BART SAYS IT DRAFTED THIS NEW POLICY WITH INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC, THE A-C-L-U, AND A BART POLICE REVIEW BOARD. THE AGENCY BELIEVES IT STRIKES A BALANCE BETWEEN FREE SPEECH AND PUBLIC SAFETY. THE BART BOARD WILL VOTE ON THE NEW POLICY ON OCTOBER 27TH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/20/11REPORTED... THE 408 -- HAS A SIDEKICK...GET READY FOR THE 669. A NEW AREA CODE WAS JUST APPROVED IN THE SOUTH BAY. LET'S TACKLE THE AREA CODE CHANGE FIRST. STARTING THIRTEEN MONTHS FROM TODAY ... NEW PHONE NUMBERS ISSUED IN THE SOUTH BAY WILL HAVE THE 669 AREA CODE. NOW BECAUSE THIS IS CALLED AN OVERLAY ... PEOPLE WHO ALREADY HAVE 408 AREA CODES WON'T HAVE TO CHANGE THEIR NUMBERS. NOW BECAUSE OF THAT ... MOST FOLKS WE TALKED WITH TODAY, THOSE WHO ALREADY HAVE 408 ... DIDN'T SEEM ALL THAT CONCERNED ABOUT THE CHANGE. NOW, THE OTHER CHANGE, IS THAT, STARTING AT THE SAME TIME YOU CAN NO LONGER JUST DIAL SEVEN NUMBERS TO GET CONNECTED ... YOU WILL HAVE TO INCLUDE THE AREA CODE FOR EVERY NUMBER YOU DIAL ... EVEN IF YOU ARE JUST CALLING NEXT DOOR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/24/11REPORTED... IT'S A SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR TUNE FOR NETFLIX INVESTORS, WHO ARE FEELING PAIN TONIGHT ONCE AGAIN, THE LOS GATOS COMPANY REPORTING A BIG DECLINE IN SUBSCRIBERS 800 'THOUSAND' LOST OVER THE LAST THREE MONTHS ..THIS IS HOW NETFLIX MAKES MONEY AND THE COMPANY ADMITS THE FUTURE IS LOOKING A LOT LESS ROSY THAN THE RECENT PAST .SHARES OF NETFLIX STOCK HAMMERED IN AFTER HOURS TRADING BECAUSE OF THAT LATEST REPORT, DROPPING BY TWENTY EIGHT PERCENT TO BELOW 90 DOLLARS A SHARE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/24/11REPORTED... WALMART IS TRYING A NEW STRATEGY TO BE TOP DOG THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. IT'S TAKING ITS "PRICE MATCHING" GUARANTEE TO A NEW LEVEL. HERE'S THE DEAL...IF A CUSTOMER FINDS A LOWER PRINT ADVERTIZED PRICE IN THEIR AREA, ON ANY IDENTICAL ITEM BOUGHT BETWEEN NOVEMBER FIRST AND DECEMBER 25TH..THE COMPANY WILL GIVE THE CUSTOMER A GIFT CARD FOR THE DIFFERENCE. NORMALLY -- WALMART MATCHES PRICES ONLY WHEN THE PURCHASE IS MADE AT THE SAME TIME A COMPETITOR'S AD IS RUNNING. WALMART SAYS IT WANTS TO CLEAR UP THE MISCONCEPTION THAT THE RETAILER NO LONGER HAS THE LOWEST PRICES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/26/11 REPORTED... BAY AREA STUDENTS MAY SOON GET A LITTLE BREAK ON THEIR COLLEGE LOANS. PRESIDENT OBAMA TODAY ANNOUNCED A PLAN TO REDUCE PAYMENTS FOR SOME STUDENTS. WHICH IS WHY MANY STUDENTS HERE ARE APPLAUDING PRESIDENT OBAMA'S PLAN TO HAVE A MEASURE PASSED BY CONGRESS GO INTO EFFECT NEXT YEAR INSTEAD OF IN 2014. IT REDUCES THE MAXIMUM REQUIRED PAYMENT ON STUDENT LOANS FROM FIFTEEN PERCENT OF ANNUAL INCOME TO TEN PERCENT. BORROWERS WILL ALSO NOW BE ABLE TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR LOANS TO GET A LOWER INTEREST RATE. PRESIDENT OBAMA SAYS: "WE'RE GOING TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR YOU TO HAVE ONE PAYMENT A MONTH AT A BETTER INTEREST RATE AND THIS WON'T COST TAXPAYERS A DIME BUT IT WILL SAVE YOU MONEY AND IT WILL SAVE YOU TIME"

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/26/11 REPORTED... THE COLLEGE BOARD SAYS CALIFORNIA IS DRIVING UP THE COST OF COLLEGE NATIONWIDE. THE AVERAGE IN-STATE TUITION AND FEES AT PUBLIC FOUR YEAR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ROSE 8-POINT-THREE PERCENT THIS YEAR COMPARED TO LAST YEAR. THE AVERAGE FOR PRIVATE FOUR YEAR UNIVERSITIES ROSE FOUR-POINT-FIVE PERCENT NATIONALLY. CALIFORNIA HAD THE HIGHEST INCREASE IN TUITION AND FEES FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY, ELDERLY, MEN & WOMEN

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/12/11 REPORTED... A SCHOOL BUS ACCIDENT NEAR SACRAMENTO THIS MORNING SENT ALL FIVE ADULT SPECIAL ED STUDENTS AND THE DRIVER TO A HOSPITAL WITH MINOR INJURIES. YOU'D EXPECT THE INJURIES WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH WORSE. THE BUS COLLIDED WITH A FARMING TRACTOR IN DIXON IN SOLANO COUNTY. AND FLIPPED ON ITS SIDE. OFFICIALS SAY THE BUS DRIVER WAS TRYING TO PASS THE TRACTOR AND DIDN'T REALIZE THAT DRIVER WAS SLOWING DOWN TO TURN. THE TRACTOR'S DRIVER WASN'T HURT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/12/11 REPORTED... CHILDREN AND SENIORS... ARE OFTEN THE HARDEST HIT BY BUDGET CUTS. SENIORS CITIZENS IN SAN FRANCISCO' GRITTY TENDERLOIN FACE EVEN MORE CHALLENGES. NBC BAY AREA'S JOE ROSATO JR. SHOWS US A CENTER IN THE 'LOIN... THAT'S SEEING MORE NEED THAN EVER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/18/11 REPORTED... A TERRIFIED MOTHER.. WITH HER CHILD.. MAKES A FRANTIC 911 CALL TO REPORT HER ACCELERATOR WAS STUCK. THANKFULLY, A CALM VOICE WAS ON THE OTHER END TO HELP HER. THAT DISPATCHER IS BEING CALLED A HERO TODAY. THE ORDERAL HAPPENED IN LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, NORTH OF LOS ANGELES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/21/11 REPORTED... THERE WAS NO VIOLENCE AT CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL TODAY, BUT A FAXED THREAT WAS ENOUGH TO KEEP HALF THE STUDENTS AWAY. THE MOUNT DIABLO SCHOOL DISTRICT SAYS SOMEONE SENT A FAX- CLAIMING THEY WOULD OPEN FIRE ON STUDENTS. POLICE ARE ACTIVELY INVESTIGATING THE THREAT BUT HAVE NOT RELEASED ANY OTHER INFORMATION. CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL, EL DORADO MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND WESTWOOD ELEMENTARY WERE UNDER TIGHT SECURITY TODAY. BUT SOME PARENTS - WEREN'T TAKING ANY CHANCES. THIS IS THE THIRD SCHOOL THREAT IN THE EAST BAY, IN JUST A WEEK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/21/11 REPORTED... ANOTHER FIRE AT AN ANTIOCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HAS PARENTS AND STUDENTS ON -HIGH-ALERT HEADING INTO THE WEEKEND. BUSHES AND TREES IN SEVERAL AREAS AROUND 'DIABLO VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL' - WERE SET ON FIRE AROUND 8-30 THURSDAY NIGHT. FIREFIGHTERS PUT OUT THE FIRES... AND STAYED AT THE SCHOOL OVERNIGHT TO ENSURE NO FURTHER VANDALISM. IT IS THE SECOND TIME THIS MONTH - THE SCHOOL HAS BEEN SUBJECT TO ARSON. A PLAY STRUCTURE AT "LONE TREE ELEMENTARY" - JUST A MILE DOWN THE ROAD - WAS ALSO SET ON FIRE TWICE THIS MONTH. ANTIOCH UNIFIED PLANS TO BEEF UP SECURITY AT BOTH SCHOOLS OVER THE WEEKEND.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/24/11 REPORTED... PREGNANT WOMEN MAY NEED TO STEER CLEAR OF B-P-A...A COMMON CHEMICAL USED IN MANY PLASTIC PRODUCTS. RESEARCHERS AT HARVARD FOUND THAT PREGNANT WOMEN WITH HIGHER LEVELS OF B-P-A IN THEIR BODIES WERE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE DAUGHTERS WITH BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS LIKE DEPRESSION, ANXIETY AND AGGRESSION. NO LINK WAS FOUND FOR BOYS. THE STUDY LOOKED AT OVER 200 MOTHERS, FROM PREGNANCY UP UNTIL KIDS WERE 3 YEARS OLD. B-P-A MIMICS HUMAN HORMONE, AND HAS BEEN LINKED TO CANCER IN ANIMAL STUDIES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/25/11 REPORTED... IT'S NOT YOUR USUAL BANK...IN FACT -- ITS' THE ONLY ONE OF ITS' KIND IN THE WESTERN UNITED STATES -- AND ITS' HERE IN THE BAY AREA. IT'S A MILK BANK. AND THE DEMAND FOR DONATED BREAST MILK IS SKYROCKETING. THIS WEEK THEY RECEIVED DOUBLE THE REQUESTS FOR DONATED BREAST MILK COMPARED TO THE USUAL NUMBER...PAULINE SAKAMOTO/MOTHERS' MILK BANK OF CALIFORNIA EXECUTIVE DIR SAYS:"WE GO UP 15 TO 18 PERCENT EVERY YEAR AND LAST YEAR HAD 420-THOUSAND OUNCES OF MILK THAT WAS OUR DEMAND 5:42. OVERALL THIS YEAR, DEMAND IS UP 20 PERCENT. MILK BANK EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PAULINE SAKAMOTO BELIEVES MORE HOSPITALS ARE ORDERING DONATED BREAST MILK BECAUSE THIS YEAR THE SURGEON GENERAL ISSUED A "CALL TO ACTION" TO SUPPORT BREAST FEEDING AND IMPROVE ACCESS TO DONOR MILK.

CRIMES-FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL, LAW & LAW ENFORCEMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/05/11 REPORTED... WE ARE NOW IN HOUR 12 OF THIS MANHUNT AND THE SUSPECT, SHAREEF ALLMAN, IS STILL AT LARGE. YOU CAN SEE, POLICE HAVE BLOCKED OFF THE STREET HERE AT HOMESTEAD AND QUAIL AVENUE... AND THE SWAT TEAM IS FOCUSED ON AN AREA JUST A FEW BLOCKS FROM HERE. THE SWAT TEAM HAS SURROUNDED NO FEWER THAN TEN HOUSES THROUGHOUT THE DAY... WITH GUNS DRAWN AND LATE THIS AFTERNOON... WE SAW SWAT TEAM MEMBERS RUNNING UP QUAIL AVENUE... BEING LED BY A BLOOD HOUND... THAT HAD APPARENTLY PICKED UP ON A SCENT. INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE ALLMAN IS ON FOOT... AND SOMEWHERE IN THE VICINITY... BECAUSE THEY FOUND HIS CAR ABANDONED AT A NEARBY ARCO GAS STATION. ACTING ON A TIP... AT ABOUT TWO O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON, THE SWAT TEAM SURROUNDED A MEN'S BATHROOM AT RAYNOR PARK... JUST A SHORT DISTANCE FROM HERE. THEY USED A REMOTE CONTROLLED ROBOT WITH A VIDEO CAMERA. TO GO INSIDE THE BATHROOM, BUT IT TURNED OUT THAT ALLMAN WAS NOT INSIDE. INVESTIGATORS HAVE RECOVERED FOUR WEAPONS. INCLUDING A RIFLE THAT WAS FOUND UNDER A DUMPSTER NEAR THE GAS STATION. BUT POLICE ARE STILL CALLING ALLMAN "ARMED AND DANGEROUS." THIS MANHUNT HAS PARALYZED THIS NEIGHBORHOOD... PEOPLE HAVE BEEN WARNED TO STAY INSIDE. OTHERS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO GET TO THEIR HOMES. AT ABOUT 7 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING POLICE SAY ALLMAN ATTEMPTED TO CARJACK A WOMAN IN THE PARKING LOT OF HEWLETT PACKARD, HERE AT HOMESTEAD AND TANTAU.

POLICE SAY HE SHOT THE WOMAN... BUT SHE IS REPORTED TO BE IN FAIR CONDITION. WE'RE TOLD HEWLETT PACKARD WAS SHUT DOWN AND ALL THE EMPLOYEES WERE TOLD TO GO HOME FOR THE REST OF THE DAY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/10/11 REPORTED...WHO'S CUTTING THE NETS? THE F-B-I HAS JOINED THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE PREMATURE RELEASE OF THOUSANDS OF BABY SALMON IN TIBURON. THE FISH WERE RAISED BY SCHOOL KIDS AS PART OF AN EDUCATION PROJECT. NBC BAY AREA'S JOE ROSATO JR... SHOWS US WHY THE SECOND ATTACK OF VANDALISM IN A WEEK... HAS SOME POINTING THE FINGER AT ANIMAL RIGHTS GROUPS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/18/11 REPORTED...INSTEAD OF GIVING 'OUT' MEDICINE.. A REGISTERED NURSE AT SAN FRANCISCO'S VETERANS' HOSPITAL IS CHARGED WITH 'STEALING' IT. FEDERAL PROSECUTORS HAVE FILED A CRIMINAL COMPLAINT AGAINST JULIE WEAVER.. CHARGING HER WITH STEALING DEMEROL. DEMEROL IS A NARCOTIC PAIN MEDICINE. WEAVER HAS BEEN A NURSE SINCE 1987 -- BUT WORKED AT THE V-A MEDICAL CENTER FOR LESS THAN A-YEAR. COURT PAPERS SAY THE DISCOVERY OF A USED SYRINGE IN A CLOGGED TOILET LAUNCHED THE INVESTIGATION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/18/11REPORTED...FOLLOWING A MONTH-LONG INVESTIGATION...THE C-H-P IS NOW ASKING THAT A SAN JOSE MAN BE CHARGED WITH 'INVOLUNTARY VEHICULAR MANSLAUGHTER' -- AFTER HE ALLEGEDLY STRUCK AND KILLED AN APPLE ENGINEER. THE C-H-P REPORT FOUND 58-YEAR OLD BLAINE BECK BROKE THE LAW THAT ORDERS DRIVERS USE CAUTION WHEN PASSING LIVESTOCK ON THE ROAD. BECK APPLIED THE BRAKES JUST BEFORE HE STRUCK AND KILLED APPLE ENGINEER "SKIP HOY JR." AND THE HORSE HE WAS RIDING. THE INCIDENT HAPPENED SIX WEEKS AGO TODAY NEAR COYOTE VALLEY IN MORGAN HILL. THE C-H-P WILL NOW FORWARD THE CASE TO THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/19/11REPORTED... AN ALERT FOR ANYONE WHO WALKS A POPULAR EAST BAY TRAIL. CASTRO VALLEY POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR TWO MEN IN CONNECTION WITH AN ASSAULT ON A WOMAN IN FRONT OF PALOMARES HILLS PARK. THE WOMAN WAS OUT FOR A WALK ON FRIDAY WHEN A MAN WALKED UP TO HER FROM BEHIND AND THEN SEXUALLY ASSAULTED HER. HE CLAIMS ANOTHER MAN WAS PRESENT, BUT WASN'T ABLE TO SEE THE FACES OF EITHER MAN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/19/11REPORTED... IN THE SOUTH BAY...A FORMER SCHOOL TEACHER IS SERVING A FIVE-MONTH JAIL SENTENCE AFTER PLEADING NO CONTEST TO MOLESTING A TEENAGE STUDENT. 28-YEAR-OLD COLETTE PHELPS WAS SENTENCED LAST WEEK FOR ALLEGEDLY PERFORMING LEWD ACTS ON A 14 OR 15-YEAR-OLD BOY. PROSECUTORS SAY PHELPS MET THE VICTIM AT THE STRATFORD SCHOOL IN SAN JOSE. THE TEACHER WORKED AT THE PRIVATE MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR FIVE YEARS. PHELPS WAS IMMEDIATELY FIRED AFTER HER ARREST ON JUNE 1ST -- THE SAME DAY POLICE RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS TIP ALLEGING THE ABUSE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/20/11REPORTED... THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT NEEDS YOUR HELP FINDING A BANK ROBBER WHO HAS HIT A FEW BANKS AROUND THE BAY AREA. THEY RELEASED SURVEILLANCE PHOTOS OF A MAN WITH THICK GLASSES AND A FAKE BLACK BEARD WHO ROBBED THE U-S BANK IN CUPERTINO.AUTHORITIES SAY HE MAY BE CONNECTED TO AT LEAST TWO OTHER BANK ROBBERIES IN SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO AND FREMONT. HE HANDS TELLERS NOTES SAYING HE IS ARMED WHILE DEMANDING MONEY FROM THE "BOTTOM AND TOP DRAWERS".HE THEN LEAVES ON FOOT WITHOUT TAKING OUT A WEAPON.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/24/11REPORTED... THE PREGNANT WOMAN - ACCUSED OF KILLING EAST BAY NURSING STUDENT, MICHELLE LE - IS FIRING HER LAWYER. 27-YEAR-OLD GISELLE ESTEBAN IS PUSHING BACK HER HEARING - TO ENTER A PLEA ... WHILE THE JUDGE RULES ON HER REQUEST. HE JUDGE SHOULD MAKE A DECISION TOMORROW. ESTEBAN IS ACCUSED OF KILLING LE MAY 27TH ... WHEN THE NURSING STUDENT DISAPPEARED DURING A BREAK, FROM HER SHIFT AT KAISER HOSPITAL - IN HAYWARD. ESTEBAN SKIPPED HER COURT APPEARANCE EARLIER THIS MONTH ON DOCTOR'S ORDERS.SHE IS PREGNANT AND A DOCTOR DECIDED SHE WAS NOT WELL ENOUGH TO ATTEND.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/26/11REPORTED... A MAN SUSPECTED OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTING A WOMAN AT SKYLINE COLLEGE IS STILL ON THE LOOSE TONIGHT. POLICE SAY THE WOMAN WAS ATTACKED AT APPROXIMATELY 8-30 LAST NIGHT WHILE INSIDE AN EMPTY CLASSROOM AT SKYLINE COLLEGE IN SAN BRUNO.THEY'RE LOOKING FOR A WHITE MALE, BETWEEN 25 - AND - 30 YEARS OLD, WITH A DISTINCT TATTOO OR SCAR ON HIS NECK.

DIVERSITY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/06/11 REPORTED... VETERINARIANS NOW HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF WHAT CAUSED A DISORIENTED FEMALE SEA LION TO CROSS A BUSY HIGHWAY IN BURLINGAME OVER THE WEEKEND. WHILE TREATING THE ANIMAL, THEY REALIZED SHE HAD A GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE JAW. TESTS ARE ALSO UNDERWAY TO DETERMINE WHETHER SHE ALSO SUFFERS FROM TOXIC ALGAE POISONING-- WHICH COULD ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO DISORIENTATION. THE SEA LION WAS NICKNAMED *BROADWAY BOUND*, BECAUSE OF THE ROUTE SHE TOOK TO CROSS HIGHWAY 101.RIGHT NOW THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE FOR DOCTORS IS GETTING THE STRESSED-OUT SEA LION TO EAT AND GET STRONGER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/10/11 REPORTED... TONIGHT... AN EARLY HALLOWEEN STORY-- ABOUT *A GREAT PUMPKIN*-- OR SHOULD WE SAY, A GREAT BIG PUMPKIN. THIS *ORANGE MONSTER* REGISTERED A WHOPPING 17-HUNDRED 4-POUNDS AT THE ANNUAL HALF MOON BAY PUMPKIN WEIGH OFF. THAT BEAT THE STATE RECORD, AND WAS ONLY ABOUT A-HUNDRED POUNDS SHORT OF THE WORLD RECORD. THE GREEN THUMB WHO GREW THIS MONSTER -- LEONARDO URENA OF NAPA. HE'S A PUMPKIN VETERAN. HE'S FINIHED IN SECOND PLACE IN YEARS PAST... SO HE CHANGED TACTICS THIS YEAR-- PLANTING A WEEK EARLIER, IN A NEW PATCH OF GROUND. AT SIX-BUCKS A POUND PLUS A BONUS, LEONARDO WALKS AWAY WITH OVER 11-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN PRIZE MONEY. YOU CAN SEE HIS WINNING PUMPKIN THIS WEEKEND AT THE *HALF MOON BAY PUMPKIN AND ART FESTIVAL. ANOTHER GROWER FROM SANTA ROSA ACTUALLY HAD A HEAVIER PUMPKIN: ONE THAT WEIGHED IN AT NEARLY 18-HUNDRED, BUT IT WAS DISQUALIFIED BECAUSE OF A HOLE IN THE BOTTOM

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/19/11REPORTED... OAKLAND POLICE ARE COMMEMORATING THE OAKLAND HILLS FIRESTORM ANNIVERSARY WITH A BLOOD DRIVE. DOZENS OF OAKLAND POLICE OFFICERS TOOK TIME TO DONATE NEEDED BLOOD TODAY. MANY OF THE OFFICERS HELPED IN THE RESCUE EFFORTS 20 YEARS AGO. IN FACT, THE DEPARTMENT LOST ONE OF ITS OWN THAT DAY. OFFICER JOHN GRABENSKI DIED TRYING TO SHIELD A CHILD FROM THE FLAMES. OAKLAND POLICE OFFICERS SAY MEMORIES OF THAT FIRESTORM ARE STILL FRESH 20 YEARS LATER. THE ALL-DAY BLOOD DRIVE BROUGHT IN 50 UNITS OF BLOOD FOR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. TOMORROW MARKS THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEVASTATING FIRE

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/20/11REPORTED...

THERE MIGHT NOT BE AN NBA SEASON...BECAUSE OF THE LABOR DISPUTE... BUT THE WARRIORS STILL ACTIVE.... MORE THAN 20 EMPLOYEES ASSISTED THE ALAMEDA COUNTY COMMUNITY FOOD BANK TODAY BY HELPING SORT FOOD AND BEVERAGES DESTINED FOR LOCAL NON-PROFIT AGENCIES.THE FOOD BANK SERVES ONE IN SIX ALAMEDA COUNTY RESIDENTS BY DISTRIBUTING FOOD THROUGH ITS NETWORK OF 275-FOOD PANTRIES, SOUP KITCHENS, CHILD-CARE CENTERS AND OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/21/11 REPORTED... ONE OF THE HEROES OF NINE-ELEVEN IS BEING HONORED IN SAN FRANCISCO, AS A NEW RECREATION CENTER IS NAMED FOR HER. RECREATION CENTER IS STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT MASON STREET AND WASHINGTON. BUT WHEN THE OPENING CEREMONY IS HELD NEXT YEAR, THE BUILDING WILL BEAR THE NAME OF *BETTY ONG* - - A CHINATOWN NATIVE AND FLIGHT ATTENDENT ON AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT ELEVEN. SHE WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO REPORT A HIJACKING THAT DAY-- AND HER CALL TO THE *AIRLINES OPERATION CENTER* ALERTED AUTHORITIES TO THE TERROR PLOT AS IT WAS UNFOLDING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/25/11REPORTED... TAILS ARE WAGGING IN ALAMEDA TONIGHT...A NEW AGREEMENT WILL ALLOW THE CITY'S ANIMAL SHELTER TO REMAIN OPE TODAY'S DEAL BETWEEN CITY OFFICIALS AND LOCAL VOLUNTEERS CALLS FOR THE CITY TO PROVIDE 300-THOUSAND DOLLARS ANNUALLY TO THE "FRIENDS OF ALAMEDA ANIMAL SHELTER".THIS SPRING - CITY OFFICIALS ANNOUNCED THE SHELTER MAY CLOSE TO DUE A PROJECTED 14-MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET DEFICIT.A VOLUNTEER GROUP WILL STEP UP BEGINNING IN JANUARY - TO HANDLE THE GENERAL UPKEEP OF THE FACILITY. THE ARRANGEMENT WILL BE IN EFFECT FOR 15 YEARS. AND COULD BE EXTENDED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/26/11REPORTED...

GOOD NEWS FOR ONE OF THE MOST NOTABLE CHURCHES IN THE BAY AREA. THEIR TREASURE -- HAS BEEN FOUND AT A SALVAGE YARD IN OAKLAND. IT'S A HEAVY PIECE OF SAN FRABCSICO HISTORY.THE 122-YEAR-OLD BELL -- WEIGHING MORE THAN 5-THOUSAND POUNDS -- BELONGS TO SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL. IT WAS LOCATED SHORTLY AFTER TWO THIS AFTERNOON AT 9TH AND PINE IN WEST OAKLAND. A HOMELESS MAN REPORTEDLY FOUND THE BELL AND CALLED IT IN TO POLICE. AUTHORITIES BELIEVE RECYCLING THIEVES TOOK THE BELL SUNDAY MORNING IN AN ATTEMPT TO SCRAP IT FOR A FRACTION OF ITS 75-THOUSAND DOLLAR VALUE.THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO WILL NOW RENT A TRUCK AND TRANSPORT THE BELL -- BACK TO THE SAN FRANCISCO.

EDUCATION

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/14/11 REPORTED... IN THE EAST BAY, A SPECIAL SCHOOL HAS A SPECIAL HOME TONIGHT. THEY HAD A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY AT DUBLIN'S NEW *SCHOOL OF IMAGINATION* TODAY. OVER THE PAST DECADE, THE POPULAR PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES HAS MOVED EIGHT TIMES. SOME STUDENTS COME TO THE SCHOOL FROM AS FAR AS A-HUNDRED MILES AWAY.WITH AN AVERAGE OF 10 CALIFORNIA CHILDREN DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM EVERY DAY, PARENTS WERE EAGER TO GET AN EARLY BOOST FOR THEIR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. NOT ALL THE CHILDREN AT THE SCHOOL HAVE DEVELOPMENTAL PROBLEMS-- BUT THEY ALL LEARN TOGETHER. SMALL CLASSES AND INDIVIDUALIZED ATTENTION HELP KEEP EVERYONE ON-TRACK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/19/11 REPORTED...

COMMUNITY COLLEGE INSTRUCTORS HAVE TO CATCH-UP TO THEIR STUDENTS-- WHEN IT COMES TO TECHNOLOGY. THAT'S AMONG SEVERAL TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE CALIFORNIA'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES. A STATE SENATE COMMITTEE GOT AN UPDATE ON THE PLAN-- WHICH INCLUDES THE USE OF E-TRANSCRIPTS. THAT ALLOWS STUDENTS TO VIEW THEIR OWN RECORDS ONLINE AND SPEEDS-UP SENDING TRANSCRIPTS TO OTHER SCHOOLS. STUDENTS ARE ALSO URGED TO "DECLARE THEMSELVES." THE TASK FORCE WANTS STUDENTS TO MEET BENCHMARKS TO CONTINUE RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID --AND TO GIVE ENROLLMENT-PRIORITY TO STUDENTS WHO MEET CERTAIN GOALS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/21/11 REPORTED...

THERE WAS NO VIOLENCE AT CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL TODAY, BUT A FAXED THREAT WAS ENOUGH TO KEEP HALF THE STUDENTS AWAY. THE MOUNT DIABLO SCHOOL DISTRICT SAYS SOMEONE SENT A FAX- CLAIMING THEY WOULD OPEN FIRE ON STUDENTS. POLICE ARE ACTIVELY INVESTIGATING THE THREAT BUT HAVE NOT RELEASED ANY OTHER INFORMATION. CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL, EL DORADO MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND WESTWOOD ELEMENTARY WERE UNDER TIGHT SECURITY TODAY. BUT SOME PARENTS - WEREN'T TAKING ANY CHANCES. THIS IS THE THIRD SCHOOL THREAT IN THE EAST BAY, IN JUST A WEEK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/24/11 REPORTED...

MUSIC LEGEND AND BAY AREA NATIVE, CARLOS SANTANA WENT BACK TO SCHOOL TODAY. BACK TO MISSION HIGH IN SAN FRANCISCO -- AND ROCKED THE CAMPUS W/ HIS GUITAR. THE CLASS OF 1965...BUT TODAY -- SANTANA WAS JAMMING W/ THE CLASS OF 2012. STUDENTS GOT TO MEET HIM.. AND MEMBERS OF THE GUITAR CLUB GOT TO PLAY WITH HIM! AND IF THAT'S NOT ENOUGH, THE ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF FAME ALSO DONATED 30 NEW GUITARS TO THE SCHOOL. SANTANA SPOKE TO THE STUDENTS ABOUT BELIEVING IN THEMSELVES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/26/11REPORTED...

THE MEETING STARTED ABOUT AN HOUR AGO... AND THE BOARD MEMBERS ARE GETTING AN EARFUL FROM THE PARENTS, STUDENTS AND TEACHERS WHO SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. MANY OF THEM GATHERED AT FOUR THIS AFTERNOON AT MOSSWOOD PARK DOWN THE STREET TO RALLY THEN MARCH HERE.THEY WERE VOCAL ON THE MARCH THAT STRETCHED SEVERAL BLOCKS... CHANTING "SAVE OUR SCHOOLS"...AND CARRYING SIGNS SAYING "KIDS FIRST" AND STOP SCHOOL CLOSURES."BUT NO MATTER HOW VOCAL, IT SEEMS THE DEAL IS DONE... AND THE DISTRICT WILL CLOSE FIVE SCHOOLS IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE ABOUT 2-POINT-2 MILLION DOLLARS.IF THE BOARD FINALIZES THAT DECISION, IT WILL IMPACT ABOUT A THOUSAND STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS.THAT'S A THOUSAND PEOPLE IN FIVE SCHOOLS... IF THAT SOUNDS LIKE A LOW NUMBER... IT IS BY DESIGN.ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO, OUSD WENT TO SMALLER SCHOOLS IN AN EFFORT TO GIVE THEIR STUDENTS MORE INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION... BUT THAT MEANS OUSD HAS ABOUT TWICE THE SCHOOLS AS OTHER DISTRICTS THE SAME SIZE.BUT FAMILIES AND EDUCATORS HERE TODAY ARE CHALLENGING THE DISTRICT TO FIND THE MONEY SOMEWHERE ELSE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/25/11REPORTED...

IT'S A SIMPLE EQUATION WITH ALARMING RESULTS...EMPHASIS ON ENGLISH AND MATH AND THE SUBTRACTION OF SCIENCE IN THE STATE'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS MAY EQUAL A DIM FUTURE. RESEARCHERS AT U-C BERKELEY ARE BEHIND A NEW STUDY OF SCIENCE PROGRAMS AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ACROSS CALIFORNIA.THE STUDY SHOWS THAT 4 OUT OF 5 TEACHERS BELIEVE AN EMPHASIS ON ENGLISH AND MATH HAS SLOWED SCIENCE PROGRAMS AND FUNDING.THE STATE'S ANNUAL SCORE FOR SCHOOL'S -- THE "ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDEX" -- HEAVILY FAVORS ENGLISH OVER ANY OTHER SUBJECT, ESPECIALLY SCIENCE AMONG THE STUDY'S FINDINGS: HIGH-QUALITY

SCIENCE LEARNING IS ONLY OFFERED IN ONE OF EVERY 10 CLASSROOMS. ONLY 4 IN 10 TEACHERS SPEND 1-HOUR OR LESS ON SCIENCE INSTRUCTION EACH WEEK. MORE THAN HALF OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS LACK STAFF DEDICATED TO ELEMENTARY SCIENCE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/26/11REPORTED... AN EAST BAY SCHOOL WILL REMAIN CLOSED TOMORROW, AFTER STUDENTS WERE EVACUATED BECAUSE OF A THREATENING LETTER."SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA SCHOOL" IN MARTINEZ RECEIVED WHAT THEY DESCRIBE AS AN "OBSCENE" LETTER THIS MORNING. PARENTS WERE NOTIFIED ABOUT THE THREAT SHORTLY AFTER. POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING TO SEE IF THIS LETTER IS LINKED TO A STRING OF THREATS OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS IN MARTINEZ, CONCORD AND WALNUT CREEK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/26/11 REPORTED... HOW DOES A SOUTHBAY SCHOOL GET A FITNESS CENTER WITHOUT SPENDING A DIME? BY EXERCISING. SAN JOSE'S RUSKIN ELEMENTARY WON THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S CHALLENGE COMPETITION BY GETTING EVERY STUDENT TO EXERCISE THIRTY TO SIXTY MINUTES A DAY AT LEAST THREE DAYS A WEEK. JAKE STEINFELD THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS HELPED STUDENTS CUT THE RIBBON AND THE KIDS WASTED NO TIME BREAKING IN THE NEW EQUIPMENT. TEACHERS AND VOLUNTEERS WILL BE TRAINED ON THE MACHINES AND SUPERVISE THE KIDS JUST LIKE IN THE CLASSROOM. AND THE SOONER THE BETTER. THIRTY PERCENT OF CALIFORNIA'S KIDS ARE OVERWEIGHT,

ENVIRONMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/14/11 REPORTED. ..FOR MANY OF US, THE FARALLON ISLANDS ARE NOTHING MORE THAN A SPECK ON THE HORIZON BUT THE ISLAND CHAIN, 27 MILES OFF THE GOLDEN GATE, IS ALIVE WITH BIOLOGY AND HISTORY. NBC BAY AREA'S JOE ROSATO JR. GOT A RARE CHANCE TO VISIT THE ISLAND. HE GIVES US A GLIMPSE AT LIFE ON THE ISLAND... AND THE PROBLEMS BIOLOGISTS ARE TRYING TO CORRECT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/19/11REPORTED... CALIFORNIA'S OAK TREES ARE LOSING OUT TO A SILENT PREDATOR. SUDDEN DEATH OAK DISEASE HAS KILLED THOUSANDS OF OAKS ACROSS THE STATE.. INCLUDING SOME IN THE EAST BAY. BUT AS NBC BAY AREA'S JOE ROSATO JR. SHOWS US... RESEARCHERS SAY THE EPIDEMIC IS WORSE THAN THEY THOUGHT. STANDING FIRM IN THE FACE OF THE HARSHTEST STORM. BUT IN REALITY...CALIFORNIA'S OAK TREES ARE FALLING VICTIM TO A DEADLY DISEASE OF WHICH THERE IS NO CURE. AND A NEW STUDY... SHOWS THE PROBLEM IS GETTING WORSE. MATTEO GARBELLOTO OF U.C. BERKELEY'S FOREST PATHOLOGY LAB LEAD A SURVEY OF OAK TREES SUFFERING FROM SUDDEN DEATH OAK DISEASE. 500 VOLUNTEERS FANNED OUT TO COLLECT THE LEAVES OF BAY LAUREL TREES... WHICH ARE KNOWN TO SPREAD THE INFECTION. THEY SAMPLED 2000 TREES... OVER 70 THOUSAND ACRES. IN THE SOUTHBAY... ALONG SOUTH SKYLINE BOULEVARD... THE RESULTS WERE DISTURBING. GARBELLOTO SAYS TWO YEARS OF HEAVY RAINS HAVE HELPED TO SPREAD THE INFECTION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/19/11REPORTED... THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO WILL BOTH PAY TO UPGRADE THE EARTHQUAKE MONITORING SYSTEM ALONG THE BAJA, CALIFORNIA BORDER. THIS COMES AFTER LAST YEAR'S 7-POINT-2 MAGNITUDE QUAKE WHICH KILLED TWO PEOPLE IN MEXICO AND CAUSED WIDESPREAD DAMAGE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER, INCLUDING THE CITIES OF SAN DIEGO AND MEXICALI. A MEXICO OFFICIAL SAYS THE LACK OF EARTHQUAKE DETECTION DEVICES MADE IT HARD TO IDENTIFY THE WORST-HIT AREAS. THE MONEY

WILL BE USED TO UPGRADE SENSORS AND COMPUTERS, AS WELL AS PROVIDE MORE EARTHQUAKE TRAINING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/19/11REPORTED...

TIMING IS EVERYTHING. TODAY TURNED OUT TO A 'REAL-LIFE' TEACHABLE MOMENT. IRONICALLY, NEARLY 9-MILLION CALIFORNIANS TOOK PART IN THE LARGEST EARTHQUAKE DRILL IN U-S HISTORY TODAY. FROM SCHOOL KIDS -- TO ADULTS -- AND EVEN SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR ED LEE. THE DRILL WAS CALLED THE 'GREAT SHAKEOUT'. IN SAN JOSE, THE TECH MUSEUM HOSTED SEVERAL SCHOOLS FOR THE SIMULATION. THE MESSAGE WAS TO "DROP, COVER AND HOLD ON. " AND AT 10-20 THIS MORNING, DOZENS OF STUDENTS TOOK PART IN THE STATEWIDE DRILL. THEY ALSO DID OTHER HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES AND LEARNED MORE ABOUT HOW TO REACT TO A "MAJOR" EARTHQUAKE. TODAY'S EVENTS ARE PART OF THE MUSEUM'S "EARTHQUAKE WEEK." GREAT REMINDER AS WE PREPARE FOR THE NEXT BIG EARTHQUAKE...SO THE QUESTION IS -- WHEN IS IT COMING? SEISMOLOGISTS SAY THERE'S A '99 PERCENT CHANCE' OF A 'SIX-POINT-SEVEN OR STRONGER QUAKE', SOMEWHERE IN CALIFORNIA IN THE NEXT 30-YEARS. SEISMIC TECHNOLOGY AND MONITORING HAVE IMPROVED GREATLY OVER THE YEARS. BUT STILL -- THERE'S NO DEFINITIVE WAY TO PREDICT EARTHQUAKES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/25/11REPORTED...

WE'RE FOLLOWING A GAS LINE RUPTURE IN THE SOUTH BAY. P-G-AND-E CREWS ARE MAKING REPAIRS TO A GAS LINE THAT WAS RUPTURED JUST BEFORE THREE THIS AFTERNOON IN SAN JOSE -- NOT FAR FROM THE AIRPORT. THE LEAK IS NO LONGER A THREAT. A CONSTRUCTION CREW HIT A PLASTIC GAS LINE WHILE DIGGING ON THE 32-HUNDRED BLOCK OF ZANKER ROAD. THAT'S NORTH OF MONTAGUE EXPRESSWAY -- NEAR EBAY HEADQUARTERS. CONTRUCTION WORKERS IN THE AREA WERE EVACUATED. ROADS NEAR THE SCENE ARE OPEN, BUT TRAFFIC IS SLOW.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/25/11REPORTED...

THE MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM RELEASED ITS SIXTH GREAT WHITE SHARK BACK INTO THE WILD. HE WAS RELEASED NEAR SANTA BARBARA EARLY THIS AFTERNOON AFTER BEING AT THE AQUARIUM FOR 55- DAYS. THE SHARK IS CARRYING TWO ELECTRONIC TAGS SO RESEARCHERS CAN TRACK ITS MOVEMENTS IN THE WILD. THE TAG WILL THEN POP FREE IN ABOUT 180 DAYS THEN TRACK THE ANIMAL BY SATELLITE. THE MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM IS THE ONLY ONE IN THE WORLD TO EVER EXHIBIT A GREAT WHITE SHARK FOR MORE THAN 16- DAYS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/26/11REPORTED...

THE RED TAILED HAWK FOUND IN SAN FRANCISCO WITH A NAIL THROUGH ITS HEAD, IS RECOVERING SO WELL, SHE MAY BE RELEASED AS EARLY AS NEXT WEEK. THIS IS WHAT THE YOUNG HAWK LOOKS LIKE NOW, WITH HARDLY ANY EVIDENCE THAT THERE WAS A NAIL THROUGH HER CHEEK. IN PREPARATION FOR ITS RELEASE, OFFICALS AT THE WILDLIFE CENTER OF SAN JOSE -- WILL MOVE THE HAWK FROM THE CURRENT INDOOR FACILITY TO AN OUTDOOR FLIGHT AVIARY. THIS WILL GIVE HER THE CHANCE TO EXERCISE HER FLIGHT MUSCLES. THIS IS VIDEO OF THE RESCUE IN GOLDEN GATE PARK OVER THE WEEKEND. WHILE IT WAS BEING TRANSPORTED, THE NAIL FELL OUT OF THE HAWK'S CHEEK. A 10-THOUSAND DOLLAR REWARD IS BEING OFFERED FOR ANYONE WITH INFORMATION TO THIS CRIME.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/26/11REPORTED...

ATTORNEY GENERAL KAMALA HARRIS IS SUING PLASTIC WATER BOTTLE COMPANIES BECAUSE OF MISLEADING CLAIMS THAT THEIR BOTTLES ARE 100- PERCENT BIODEGRADABLE. THE WATER BOTTLES ARE MARKETING BY "ENSO PLASTICS" AND ARE SOLD AS "BALANCE" AND "AQUAMANTRA". IT'S ILLEGAL UNDER CALIFORNIA LAW TO LABEL PLASTIC FOOD OR BEVERAGE CONTAINERS AS 100- PERCENT BIODEGRADABLE AND RECYCLABLE. THE

SUIT SAYS THE BOTTLES DO NOT DECOMPOSE NATURALLY AND CONTAMINATE OTHER TYPES OF RECYCLED PLASTIC. HARRIS IS DEMANDING THE WATER BE REMOVED FROM STORE SHELVES IMMEDIATELY.

GOVERNMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/06/11 REPORTED... THE FEDS HAVE A MESSAGE FOR CALIFORNIA MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES. SHUT DOWN WITHIN 45 DAYS -- OR ELSE. THE GOVERNMENT ISSUED A LETTER NOTIFYING AT LEAST 16 POT SHOPS THAT THEY ARE VIOLATING FEDERAL DRUG LAWS.. EVEN THOUGH MEDICAL MARIJUANA IS LEGAL IN CALIFORNIA. THESE POT SHOPS FACE CRIMINAL CHARGES. THE MOVE GOES AGAINST EARLIER STATEMENTS BY THE FEDS SAYING IT WOULD NOT PROSECUTE CANNABIS ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE LEGAL IN THE STATE. FEDERAL OFFICIALS WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW TO DISCUSS THE CRACKDOWN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/14/11 REPORTED... TODAY.. THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION TODAY PULLED THE PLUG ON A KEY PART OF THE PRESIDENT'S HEALTHCARE OVERHAUL. THE LONG-TERM-CARE INSURANCE PLAN WILL HAVE TO GO. IT WAS DOGGED FROM THE START BY FEARS THERE WASN'T ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY FOR IT. LONG-TERM CARE INCLUDES NURSING HOMES AND SERVICES SUCH AS "HOME HEALTH AIDES" FOR THE DISABLED. EVEN SUPPORTERS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT UNLESS LARGE NUMBERS OF HEALTHY PEOPLE SIGNED-UP WHILE YOUNG, THE PROGRAM WOULD EVENTUALLY REQUIRE A TAXPAYER BAILOUT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/18/11 REPORTED... THE 'MOVEMENT' -- IS ON THE MOVE. OCCUPY S-F PROTESTERS HAVE MOVED ON FROM THEIR CAMP AT JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA. THEY MARCHED FROM THEIR DOWNTOWN ENCAMPMENT TO CITY HALL THIS AFTERNOON TO BRING ATTENTION TO THE "EXCESSIVE FORCE AGAINST PEACEFUL OCCUPIERS". THEY'RE UPSET ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED ON SUNDAY NIGHT -- WHEN POLICE IN RIOT GEAR RAIDED THEIR CAMP -- AND CONFISCATED TENTS AND SUPPLIES AND ARRESTED FIVE PEOPLE. POLICE TOLD THEM THAT CITY LAWS PROHIBIT CAMPING AT JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/19/11 REPORTED... NO SOLDIER IS LEFT BEHIND ON THE BATTLEFIELD, AND NO VETERAN IS LEFT HOMELESS HERE AT HOME. THAT'S THE MESSAGE LAWMAKERS ARE SENDING TO HOMELESS VETERANS IN THE BAY AREA. SAN FRANCISCO CONGRESSWOMAN NANCY PELOSI APPEARED WITH MAYOR ED LEE TODAY AT THE SALVATION ARMY'S "HARBOR LIGHT CENTER" IN THE CITY'S SOMA NEIGHBORHOOD. THE CENTER RECEIVED A NEARLY 300-THOUSAND DOLLAR CHECK FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. THE MONEY WILL HELP THE CENTER ADD 10 NEW BEDS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS. PROGRESS IS ALSO BEING MADE TO HELP OUR NATION'S HEROES. WHILE THERE ARE STILL AN ESTIMATED 76-THOUSAND HOMELESS VETERANS LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES, THAT NUMBER IS NEARLY HALF OF WHAT IT WAS IN EARLY 2009.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/19/11 REPORTED... A CALIFORNIA TAX BREAK PROGRAM FOR GREEN ENERGY COMPANIES IS UNDER THE MICROSCOPE TONIGHT, IN LIGHT OF THE SOLYNDRA BANKRUPTCY SCANDAL. CALIFORNIA LAWMAKERS ARE TAKING ANOTHER LOOK AT THE PROGRAM, WHICH GIVES TAX BREAKS TO ALTERNATIVE ENERGY COMPANIES TO HELP PROMOTE GROWTH. SINCE THE LAW WENT INTO EFFECT 18 MONTHS AGO, THE STATE HAS APPROVED 33 APPLICANTS, INCLUDING THE FAILED FREMONT SOLAR COMPANY. LAWMAKERS WANT TO EXPLORE IF REGULATIONS NEED TO BE CHANGED OR DIFFERENT QUESTIONS NEED TO BE ASKED. SOLYNDRA LAYED-OFF A-THOUSAND WORKED AND FILED FOR

BANKRUPTCY LAST MONTH. AND IT'S NOW THE SUBJECT OF A CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION AFTER IT RECEIVED A HALF-BILLION DOLLAR LOAN FROM THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION AND DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY LAST YEAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/21/11 REPORTED... THE WAR IS OVER. THAT WAS THE WORD FROM PRESIDENT OBAMA TODAY. THE WAR IN IRAQ IS ONE OF THE LONGEST CONFLICTS IN AMERICAN HISTORY. THE PRESIDENT SAID THE TROOPS IN IRAQ WILL ALL BE HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MEANS THOSE SOLDIERS WILL NO LONGER BE GOING TO ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS PARTS OF THE WORLD. MANY DECLINED TO SPEAK ON CAMERA... BUT THEY TOLD ME THEY'RE GLAD IRAQ IS NOW OFF THE WAR MAP. STAFF SERGEANT KESSLER IS IN TOWN FROM FORT BLISS, TEXAS FOR TRAINING HERE IN THE BAY AREA. TRAINING THAT WILL NO LONGER INVOLVE IRAQI URBAN WARFARE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/24/11 REPORTED... LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM IS THE THIRD FORMER SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR WHO IS BACKING ED LEE FOR A FULL TERM. BUT THE ENDORSEMENT COMES AMID A BALLOT TAMPERING SCANDAL. NEWSOM'S ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY COMES DURING A TIME WHEN THE INTERIM MAYOR IS TAKING HEAT AFTER A NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP THAT SUPPORTS HIM -- WAS ACCUSED OF BALLOT TAMPERING. VIDEO SHOWS VOLUNTEERS HELPING VOTERS FILL OUT ABSENTEE BALLOTS. LEE SAYS HE SUPPORTS INVESTIGATIONS BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY INTO BALLOT TAMPERING. CANDIDATES WHO ARE UP AGAINST LEE FOR THE CITY'S TOP JOB ARE CALLING FOR FEDERAL AND STATE MONITORS DURING THE NOVEMBER 8TH ELECTION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/24/11 REPORTED... PRESIDENT OBAMA IS MAKING ANOTHER MOVE TO TRY TO KEEP AMERICANS IN THEIR HOMES. HIS LATEST PLAN OPENS THE REFINANCE OPTION TO MANY HOMEOWNERS TRAPPED IN OLD, HIGH RATE MORTGAGES. MR. OBAMA WAS IN LAS VEGAS EARLIER TODAY, TO UNVEIL HIS MORTGAGE RE-FINANCE PROGRAM. IT'S FOR HOMEOWNERS WHO PAY THEIR MORTGAGE EVERY MONTH, BUT STILL OWE MORE THAN THEIR HOME IS WORTH, SO THEY CAN'T RE-FINANCE. AND, IF THEIR MORTGAGE IS WITH FANNY MAE OR FREDDIE MAC THEY CAN RE-FINANCE, AT CURRENT LOW RATES. MR. OBAMA WAS IN LAS VEGAS EARLIER TODAY, TO UNVEIL HIS MORTGAGE RE-FINANCE PROGRAM. IT'S FOR HOMEOWNERS WHO PAY THEIR MORTGAGE EVERY MONTH, BUT STILL OWE MORE THAN THEIR HOME IS WORTH, SO THEY CAN'T RE-FINANCE. AND, IF THEIR MORTGAGE IS WITH FANNY MAE OR FREDDIE MAC THEY CAN RE-FINANCE, AT CURRENT LOW RATES.

HEALTH/NUTRITION & DISEASE

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/10/11 REPORTED... A EUROPEAN VACATION IS BEING PINNED AS THE SOURCE OF THAT OUTBREAK OF MUMPS ON THE U-C BERKELEY CAMPUS. STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY... A CAL STUDENT CAUGHT THE VIRUS WHILE ON A TRIP TO EUROPE... AND INFECTED OTHERS AFTER RETURNING TO SCHOOL. UP TO 44 PEOPLE HAVE NOW BEEN DIAGNOSED. CAL OFFICIALS SAY THIS IS LIKELY THE UNIVERSITY'S LARGEST OUTBREAK EVER. HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY... COLLEGE STUDENTS LIVING IN TIGHT QUARTERS, LIKE DORMS ARE ESPECIALLY SUSCEPTIBLE TO THE DISEASE. CAL IS URGING STUDENTS AND FACULTY TO GET VACCINATED FOR MEASLES, MUMPS AND RUBELLA NO MATTER HOW MANY SHOTS THEY'VE HAD IN THE PAST.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/21/11 REPORTED... A BAT SIGNAL TONIGHT IN BERKELEY... PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS WANT PEOPLE TO REMAIN VIGILANT AGAINST THE SPREAD OF RABIES. TODAY'S MOVE TO REMIND THE PUBLIC OF THE POTENTIALLY-DEADLY DISEASE FOLLOWS THE DISCOVERY OF A RABID BAT IN A BERKELEY NEIGHBORHOOD. IT WAS FOUND ON RUGBY AVENUE, WEST OF SUMMIT

RESERVOIR. YOU'RE CAUTIONED TO AVOID SKUNKS AND BATS, ESPECIALLY IF YOU SEE EITHER OF THOSE MAMMALS SICK OR DEAD DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. A RABID BAT WAS LAST DISCOVERED IN BERKELEY IN 2008.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/21/11 REPORTED... A NEW STUDY OUT TODAY SAYS THERE IS *NO LINK BETWEEN CELL PHONE USE AND CANCER. THE STUDY ADDS MORE EVIDENCE TO A HOTLY DEBATED TOPIC. IT IS THE LARGEST ANALYSIS OF IT'S KIND SO FAR. RESEARCHERS FOUND THAT PEOPLE WHO USED CELL PHONES FOR THIRTEEN YEARS OR MORE HAD THE SAME CANCER RISK AS NON-USERS. SO DOES THIS MEAN THE DEBATE IS FINALLY OVER? EXPERTS SAY PROBABLY NOT - THE STUDY FOCUSED SOLELY ON CELL PHONE SUBSCRIBERS AND NOT ON THE AMOUNT OF CELL PHONE USE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/21/11 REPORTED A NEW GOVERNMENT STUDY SAYS MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE TO CONTROL THE AMOUNT OF SODIUM AMERICANS CONSUME. THE STUDY FOUND THAT 98-PERCENT OF AMERICAN'S WHO SHOULD REDUCE THEIR SALT INTAKES USUALLY DON'T. IT ALSO FOUND THAT MOST OF THE SODIUM CONSUMED BY AMERICANS COMES FROM PROCESSED AND PACKAGED FOODS. A HIGH SODIUM DIET IS ASSOCIATED WITH INCREASED RISKS OF HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, HEART DISEASE AND STROKE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/21/11 REPORTED... ODDS ARE.. THIS BURGER WON'T BE ON THE RECOMMENDED MENU. IT GIVES A WHOLE NEW MEANING TO THE TERM "SUPER SIZE ME" A DETRIOT RESTAURANT HAS CREATED A TWO THOUSAND DOLLAR BURGER...THAT WEIGHS A WHOPPING THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY EIGHT POUNDS. THE BURGER USES OVER 100 POUNDS OF GREASE, AND OVER 45 POUNDS OF CONDIMENTS. SO FAR NOT EVEN A TEAM OF PEOPLE HAS BEEN ABLE TO FINISH ONE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/25/11 REPORTED... THE CONTROVERSY OVER WHETHER YOUR CHILDREN SHOULD HAVE TO GET A VACCINE THAT PROTECTS THEM 'ONLY' IF THEY ARE SEXUALLY ACTIVE IS SURE TO INTENSIFY.THAT'S BECAUSE OFFICIALS ARE NOW RECOMMENDING THAT 'BOYS' SHOULD BE VACCINATED AGAINST H-P-V, THE MOST COMMON SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE. AN ADVISORY BOARD TO THE C-D-C SAYS THE VACCINE CAN PREVENT A NUMBER OF CANCERS...AND IS NOW RECOMMENDING THAT BOYS RECEIVE THE ROUTINE THREE SHOTS, BEGINNING AT THE AGE OF ELEVEN. IN 2006, HEALTH OFFICIALS RECOMMENDED THAT GIRLS GET THE VACCINATION, ALSO STARTING AT AGE ELEVEN. H-P-V CAUSES ROUGHLY SEVEN THOUSAND CANCER CASES IN MEN EACH YEAR, AND 15 THOUSAND CASES IN WOMEN ANNUALLY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/25/11 REPORTED... THE NEXT TIME YOU FILL UP YOUR GAS TANK, YOU MAY WANT TO WASH YOUR HANDS AFTERWARD.THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'VE JUST TOUCHED ONE OF THE MOST GERM FILLED ITEM A NEW STUDY CLAIMS 71 PERCENT OF ALL GAS PUMP HANDLES ARE HIGHLY CONTAMINATED WITH GERMS.MEASUREMENTS WERE TAKEN BY TRAINED HYGIENISTS WITH REPEATED SWABS OF ITEMS, USING THE SAME METHODS THAT THE FOOD INDUSTRY MONITORS SANITARY CONDITIONS. OTHER ITEMS THAT WERE HIGHLY CONTAMINATED...68 PERCENT OF CORNER MAILBOX HANDLES WERE GERM FILLED. ALSO, 43 PERCENT OF ESCALATOR RAILS WERE FILTHY, FOLLOWED BY 41 PERCENT OF A-T-M BUTTONS.

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS/SAFETY & SECURITY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/10/11 REPORTED...

PARENTS ARE CONCERNED THIS NEW LAW SHUTS THEM OUT FROM OVERSEEING THEIR KIDS MEDICAL CARE..BUT DOCTORS SAY IT COULD GIVE SOME TEENAGERS THE CHANCE TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AGAINST CERVICAL CANCER. THE H-P-V VACCINE IS GIVEN IN THREE SHOTS SPREAD OUT OVER SIX MONTHS. SOME PARENTS QUESTION WHETHER 12 YEAR OLDS AND TEENAGERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE ENOUGH TO RETURN FOR THE ENTIRE SERIES OF SHOTS THEY NEED FOR FULL PROTECTION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/10/11 REPORTED...

A SANTA ROSA NATIVE AND A SONOMA COUNTY INTERNET PROVIDER ARE THE TARGETS OF A FEDERAL GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION INTO THE WIKI-LEAKS CASE. JACOB APPELBAUM IS A SANTA ROSA NATIVE AND VOLUNTEER WITH WIKILEAKS.ROLLING STONE MAGAZINE CALLED THE INTERNET PRIVACY EXPERT-- QUOTE-- "THE MOST DANGEROUS MAN IN CYBERSPACE." TODAY, SONIC-DOT-NET, BASED IN SANTA ROSA, CONFIRMED IT PROVIDED CUSTOMER INFORMATION ON APPLEBAUM TO FEDERAL PROSECUTORS WHO ARE BATTLING WIKILEAKS' RELEASE OF GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS. SONIC SAYS IT FOUGHT THE ORDER, BUT LOST.TWITTER IS WAGING A SIMILAR LEGAL BATTLE.THE GOVERNMENT ALSO SOUGHT SIMILAR INFORMATION FROM GOOGLE, BUT THE WALL STREET JOURNAL REPORTS, IT'S UNCLEAR WHETHER GOOGLE COMPLIED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/18/11 REPORTED...

THE BIG QUESTION TONIGHT: IS THIS SWAP A BIG STEP TOWARD MIDDLE EAST PEACE? UNLIKELY.EACH SIDE IS ALREADY ACCUSING THE OTHER OF MISTREATING ITS PRISONERS. AND HAMAS HAS CALLED FOR ITS MEMBERS TO CAPTURE MORE ISRAELI SOLDIERS, IN ORDER TO FREE THE REMAINING 5-THOUSAND OR SO PALESTINIANS PRISONERS. BUT TONIGHT, ISRAEL IS JUST PLEASED ONE OF THEIR OWN HAS COME HOME. THE SECOND GROUP OF ABOUT 550 PALESTINIAN PRISONERS WILL BE RELEASED WITHIN TWO MONTHS.AS FOR GILAD SHALIT, HIS FAMILY SAYS HE WILL NEED SOME TIME TO RECOVER FROM THE PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WOUNDS OF BEING IMPRISONED FOR 5 PLUS YEARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/18/11 REPORTED...

"AN OUT OF CONTROL HORROR." THAT'S HOW SENATOR BARBARA BOXER DESCRIBED LAST SEPTEMBER'S SAN BRUNO EXPLOSION-- AS SHE TOOK THE FIGHT TO MAKE GAS PIPELINES SAFER BACK TO CAPITOL HILL TODAY. TODAY'S HEARING CAME JUST HOURS AFTER THE SENATE'S UNANIMOUS VOTE APPROVING NEW LAWS TO REGULATE THE PIPELINE INDUSTRY. THE NEW LAWS CALL FOR AUTOMATIC OR REMOTE SHUT-OFF VALVES ON NEW LINES AND RAISES PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS. IT ALSO ELIMINATES THE GRANDFATHER CLAUSE THAT PREVENTED PIPES INSTALLED BEFORE 1970 TO AVOID INSPECTION. SOME TWO-POINT-FIVE MILLION MILES OF OIL AND GAS PIPELINES ARE NOW UNDER THE THE PURVIEW OF THESE NEW REGULATIONS. THE SENATE BILL NOW GOES TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/24/11 REPORTED...

THE SANTA CLARA SHERIFF IS NOT HAPPY WITH A NEW COUNTY POLICY BUCKING THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS VOTED NOT TO HOLD ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS CONVICTED OF CRIMES AT THE COUNTY JAIL AFTER THEIR SENTENCES ARE SERVED--UNLESS IMMIGRATION REIMBURSES THEM FOR THE COST. THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE ASKS THAT COUNTIES NOTIFY THEM WHEN IMMIGRANTS HAVE SERVED THEIR TIME SO THEY CAN BE PICKED UP FOR DEPORTATION. IT COSTS \$125 A DAY TO HOUSE THE INMATES.THE SHERIFF SAYS THE POLICY MEANS ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WITH A VIOLENT PAST WILL BE RELEASED BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY--CREATING A PUBLIC SAFETY RISK. BUT COUNTY ATTORNEYS ARGUE THAT

THE COURT SYSTEM ALREADY HAS PUNISHED THE CRIMINALS, AND IT'S NOT IN THE BUSINESS OF ENFORCING IMMIGRATION LAWS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/24/11 REPORTED...

A MAN WHO CHECKED IN A LOADED GUN AT LAX MAY FACE CHARGES FOR NOT NOTIFYING THE AIRLINE. SECURITY FAILED TO DETECT THE .38 CALIBER HANDGUN IN THE PASSENGER'S BAG. THE GUN FELL OUT OF A CHECKED BAG WHILE BEING LOADED ONTO AN ALASKA AIRLINES PLANE. T-S-A RULES SAY PASSENGERS MAY TRAVEL WITH FIREARMS IN CHECKED BAGS, BUT THE GUNS MUST BE UNLOADED AND DECLARED. THE GUN OWNER WAS QUESTIONED BY POLICE AND ALLOWED TO BOARD A LATER FLIGHT. THE GUN WAS TURNED OVER TO POLICE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/24/11 REPORTED...

THE SEARCH FOR SURVIVORS COUNTINUES IN SOUTH EASTERN TURKEY TODAY FOLLOWING A MASSIVE 7 POINT 2 MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE. AN ESTIMATED 270 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED AND OVER ONE-THOUSAND INJURED - AND THOSE NUMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO RISE AS THE HOURS PASS. THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE UNACCOUNTED FOR AND ARE FEARED TO BE TRAPPED UNDER DEBRIS. RESCUERS CONTINUE TO SEARCH FOR SURVIVORS, BUT ARE HAMPERED BY FREEZING TEMPERATURES AND DARKNESS. AID WORKERS HAVE SET UP SHELTER FOR THOUSANDS WHOSE HOMES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.

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NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/9/11 REPORTED...

MOVE OVER APPLE, BECAUSE MICROSOFT IS MOVING IN. THE COMPANY IS OPENING ITS FIRST STORE IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. AND IT'S GOING TO BE A PARTY. THE BLACK KEYS, THE JONAS BROTHERS AND EVEN JOE MONTANA WILL BE ON HAND. THEY'RE GAMERS AT HOME, BUT THE GOOD THING ABOUT WORKING FOR MICROSOFT, IS THE EMPLOYEES SOMETIMES ALSO GET TO PLAY AT WORK. THEY'RE ACTUALLY GIVING THE GADGETS A FINAL RUN-THROUGH BEFORE MICROSOFT OPENS THE DOORS TO ITS NEW STORE INSIDE VALLLEY FAIR MALL IN THE SILICON VALLEY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/10/11 REPORTED...

TWO KEY NOTES FROM PG&E. PG&E CREWS WILL BEGIN REPAIRING A SECTION OF A DAMAGED GAS PIPELINE IN PALO ALTO. HYDROSTATIC PRESSURE TESTING PERFORMED LAST WEEK UNCOVERED A PINHOLE LEAK IN THE PIPELINE UNDER PAGE MILL ROAD. THAT DISCOVERY TRIGGERED A MUDSLIDE THAT SHUT DOWN PARTS OF 280. THIS IS THE SAME PIPELINE LINKED TO THE SAN BRUNO EXPLOSION LAST YEAR. PG&E IS ALSO LAYING OFF 225 EMPLOYEES. MOST OF THE POSITIONS WILL BE CUT FROM THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT. ALL LAYED OFF EMPLOYEES WILL BE GIVEN 60 DAYS TO FIND ANOTHER JOB. THE RESTRUCTURING IS PART OF THE COMPANY'S REORGANIZING PLAN LAUNCHED LAST YEAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/11/11 REPORTED...

ORACLE WILL PAY \$35 MILLION TO SETTLE A LAWSUIT...BUT THEY WON'T ADMIT ANY WRONGDOING. IT INVOLVES OVERTIME PAY FOR EMPLOYEES. MORE THAN 1700 EMPLOYEES IN REDWOOD CITY AND PLEASANTON ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE SETTLEMENT, ABOUT \$13-THOUSAND EACH. THE SUIT INVOLVED QUALITY ASSURANCE WORKERS,

CUSTOMER SUPPORT ANALYSTS, AND PROJECT MANAGERS. ORACLE ARGUED THE EMPLOYEES WERE EXEMPT FROM STATE OVERTIME LAWS, BECAUSE THEY WERE EITHER ADMINISTRATORS OR COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS. DESPITE THE PAYOUT -- THE SETTLEMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY ADMISSION OF WRONGDOING BY ORACLE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/11/11 REPORTED... ONE OF SAN FRANCISCO'S MOST STORIED NEWSPAPERS BOUGHT OUT BY A CANADIAN COMPANY. THE SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER ONCE THE FLAGSHIP OF THE HEARST CORPORATION'S NATIONAL NEWSPAPER CHAIN WILL BE SOLD TO CANADIAN-BASED "BLACK PRESS GROUP". THE 150-YEAR OLD S-F EXAMINER IS ONE OF THE ONLY FREE DAILY NEWSPAPERS... THAT MAKES MONEY ON ADVERTISING ALONE. THE S-F EXAMINER HAS CHANGED HANDS THREE TIMES SINCE 2000. TERMS OF THE DEAL WERE NOT ANNOUNCED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/15/11 REPORTED... MORE REVELATIONS FROM FREMONT TO WASHINGTON DC. NEWLY RELEASED EMAILS SHOW THE ENERGY DEPARTMENT URGED SOLYNDRA EXECUTIVES TO DELAY LAYOFFS UNTIL AFTER MID-TERM ELECTIONS LAST YEAR. TODAY'S NEWS WAS DISCLOSED DURING A SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING INVESTIGATING FREMONT-BASED SOLYNDRA AND THE FEDERAL LOANS IT RECEIVED. A REPUBLICAN MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE QUOTED AN EMAIL FROM THE ENERGY DEPARTMENT. IN PART, IT SHOWS SOLYNDRA EXECUTIVES WERE ASKED TO DELAY THE LAYOFF ANNOUNCEMENT UNTIL AFTER THE NOVEMBER SECOND ELECTION. SOLYNDRA DID MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT THE NEXT DAY -- NOVEMBER 3RD. THE NEW EMAILS WERE RELEASED AHEAD OF THURSDAY'S TESTIMONY BY ENERGY SECRETARY STEVEN CHU.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/15/11 REPORTED... APPLE HAS NAMED A REPLACEMENT FOR STEVE JOBS-- FIVE-WEEKS AFTER HIS DEATH. ARTHUR LEVINSON IS THE COMPANY'S NEW NON-EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN. NOT EXACTLY A HOUSE-HOLD NAME, BUT LEVINSON IS WELL KNOWN IN INDUSTRY CIRCLES. THE USF GRAD -- IS C-E-O OF BAY AREA BASED GENENTECH...AND HE'S ALSO LONG-TIME APPLE BOARD MEMBER. HE APPARENTLY WON APPLE'S LOYALTY TWO-YEARS AGO, AFTER HE PICKED APPLE OVER GOOGLE WHEN FEDERAL INVESTIGATORS SAID HE COULDN'T SIT ON BOTH BOARDS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/15/11 REPORTED... ORACLE ARENA HAS LOOKED LIKE A GHOST TOWN SINCE THE NBA LOCKOUT BEGAN AND SO HAVE SOME OF THE LOCAL BUSINESSES AROUND HERE. PEOPLE WHOSE LIVING DEPEND ON BUSINESS GENERATED BY THE BASKETBALL GAMES SAY THEY ARE DEFINITELY SUFFERING. LAURA PLUMMER REACTED WHEN SHE HEARD THAT THE NBA PLAYER'S ASSOCIATION REJECTED ANOTHER LABOR PROPOSAL YESTERDAY...ENSURING THAT THE NBA LOCKOUT WOULD CONTINUE. 61-YEAR-OLD PLUMMER IS PACKING UP HER STUFF AND MOVING FROM HER TOWNHOUSE IN HAYWARD TO A ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT IN OAKLAND. SHE'S NOT GETTING ANY HOURS AT HER JOB AT ORACLE ARENA...NOW THAT THE GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS AREN'T PLAYING AND THAT MEANS SHE'S HAD TO TIGHTEN HER BELT DRAMATICALLY AS SHE PRAYS FOR THE SEASON TO FINALLY START.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/15/11 REPORTED... MOUNTAIN VIEW BASED LINKED-IN AND EARLY INVESTORS IN THE COMPANY PLAN TO SELL 8 MILLION SHARES IN THE WAKE OF THE COMPANY'S IPO IN MAY. THE MOVE WOULD DOUBLE THE AMOUNT OF STOCK ON THE OPEN MARKET. LINKED IN WILL SELL JUST MORE THAN A MILLION SHARES TO PAY FOR EXPANSION PROJECTS. THE REST OF THE SHARES WILL BE SOLD BY INVESTORS AND EMPLOYEES. SINCE 2003, MORE THAN 135 MILLION PEOPLE HAVE JOINED THE NETWORKING SITE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/16/11 REPORTED... A ONE-TIME SILICON VALLEY HIGH FLYER CAME CRASHING DOWN TO EARTH TODAY RAMBUS, A SUNNYVALE CHIP DESIGNER, SAW ITS STOCK PRICE DEMOLISHED AFTER A SAN FRANCISCO JURY RULED AGAINST THE COMPANY IN A FOUR BILLION DOLLAR COLLUSION LAWSUIT IT FILED AGAINST COMPETITORS WHEN THE DECISION CAME DOWN, INVESTORS SOLD STOCK RAMBUS SHARES DOWN SIXTY PERCENT TODAY ALONE.

CONSUMER ISSUES

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/1/11 REPORTED... HERE'S A WARNING FOR SOME EAST BAY COMMUTERS...FOLLOW THE RULES -- OR IT COULD COST YOU. BIG CHANGES ARE COMING TO VASCO ROAD WHICH GOES THROUGH LIVERMORE. BEGINNING JANUARY FIRST, *DOUBLE FINES* WILL BE CHARGED FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS ALONG THE 19-MILE STRETCH FROM WALNUT BOULEVARD IN BRENTWOOD, SOUTH TO INTERSTATE 580 IN LIVERMORE. IT'S BEEN A DANGEROUS ROADWAY FOR YEARS.THE ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS VOTED TO DESIGNATE IT A *SAFETY ENHANCEMENT ZONE * THAT WILL RAISE THE COST OF A SPEEDING TICKET TO 428-DOLLARS. IF YOU'RE CAUGHT GOING MORE THAN 15 MILES-PER-HOUR OVER THE SPEED-LIMIT, THAT COULD RUN YOU ABOUT 650-DOLLARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/2/11 REPORTED... APPLE TODAY ADMITS, IT'S GOT BATTERY ISSUES.THE CUPERTINO COMPANY RELEASING A STATEMENT SAYING, SOME DEVICES RUNNING ITS NEW IOS-5 OPERATING SYSTEM ARE SEEING BATTERIES RUN DOWN FASTER THAN EXPECTED .. APPLE SAYS IT WILL RELEASE A SOFTWARE UPDATE TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM, WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/7/11 REPORTED... HIGHER BRIDGE TOLLS MAY HURT YOUR WALLET, BUT A NEW TRANSPORTATION REPORT SHOWS THEY ALSO MAKE FOR A LESS CONGESTED COMMUTE. A YEAR AFTER BAY BRIDGE CARPOOL COMMUTERS WERE ASKED TO PAY MORE TO CROSS THE BRIDGE, A NEW ANALYSIS OF BRIDGE DATA SHOWS SOME 13-THOUSAND OF THEM HAVE DISAPPEARED.THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ORDERED THE STUDY, WHICH FOUND USE OF THE CARPOOL LANES HAS DROPPED BY 26-PERCENT. CERTAINLY ALL OF THEM WEREN'T VICTIMS OF THE RECESSION? THE FORMAL PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT TO THE M-T-C WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY. THE COMMISSION WILL THEY USE THAT DATA TO DETERMINE WHETHER CHANGES ARE NEEDED TO METERING LIGHTS, FAST-TRAK LANES, OR OTHER COMPONENTS OF THE REGIONAL COMMUTE PICTURE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/15/11 REPORTED... FACEBOOK USERS ARE BEING BOMBARDED WITH SOME UNEXPECTED IMAGES. FOR THE PAST 24-HOURS MANY USERS HAVE REPORTED SEEING PORNOGRAPHIC AND VIOLENT IMAGES ON THEIR NEWSFEEDS. THE IMAGES INCLUDE PICTURES OF MUTILATED ANIMALS AND PHOTOSHOPPED PORNOGRAPHIC PICTURES OF CELEBRITIES. FACEBOOK OFFICIALS SAY THIS WAS A MALICIOUS SPAM ATTACK. MOST OF THE INFECTED LINKS HAVE BEEN REMOVED, AND THE COMPANY IS INVESTIGATING WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/18/11 REPORTED... BEFORE YOU EAT DINNER TONIGHT -- THERE IS A NOTABLE RECALL TO PASS ALONG. READY-PAC FOODS IS RECALLING MORE THAN 5-THOUSAND CASES OF BAGGED SALAD BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE E-COLI CONTAMINATION. THE PRODUCTS BEING RECALLED ARE BAGGED SALADS CONTAINING ROMAINE LETTUCE WITH A USE-BY DATE OF TODAY, NOVEMBER 18TH.THE POSSIBLY CONTAMINATED LETTUCE HAS BEEN SOLD AT GROCERY STORES INCLUDING SAFEWAY, TRADER JOES AND RALEYS. NO ILLNESSES RELATED TO THE

PRODUCTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED SO FAR, BUT CONSUMERS WHO HAVE PURCHASED THE PRODUCTS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY THROW THEM AWAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/21/11 REPORTED... IT'S A BAY AREA THANKSGIVING TRADITION BUT IT LOOKS LIKE CRAB NOT BE ON MANY TABLES THIS HOLIDAY. BAY AREA CRABBERS SAY THEY'LL HOLD OUT FOR BETTER PRICES UNTIL AFTER THE HOLIDAY. PILAR POINT HARBOR FISHERMAN SAY THEY WON'T BUDGE FROM THEIR 2-50 A POUND PRICE. WHOLESALERS ARE ONLY OFFERING 2-DOLLARS A POUND. ANY CRABBERS ARE TAKING THE WEEK OFF WHICH MEANS YOU WON'T FIND MUCH AT THE MARKET.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/22/11 REPORTED... WITH A 22-PERCENT GARBAGE RATE INCREASE ON THE AGENDA... THE BELMONT CITY COUNCIL SHOULD NOT EXPECT A FRIENDLY AUDIENCE. THE COUNCIL IS UNDER FIRE FOR GOOD INTENTIONS GONE WRONG. THE COUNCIL WANTED TO INCREASE RECYCLING, TELLING RESIDENTS... SWITCH TO THE SMALLEST GARBAGE CAN - 20-GALLONS - AND PAY JUST 15-DOLLARS FOR SERVICE. IN JUST ONE YEAR, 15-HUNDRED RECOLOGY CUSTOMERS DOWNSIZED... PUTTING LESS TRASH INTO THE LANDFILL... BUT ALSO LESS MONEY INTO THE CITY'S COFFER. COUNCILMAN LIEBERMAN SAYS *THAT WOULD'VE COVERED THE 5-POINT-9 MILLION DOLLAR CONTRACT THE CITY HAS WITH RECOLOGY FOR 2012. BUT THE MAYOR - WHO TALKED WITH ME BY PHONE - SAYS SHE WILL NOT SUPPORT A 22-PERCENT RATE INCREASE AND WANTS RECOLOGY TO WORK WITH THE CITY. BUT RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSOWNERS ARE TELLING THEIR COUNCIL, THE BUCK STOPS WITH YOU.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/23/11 REPORTED... SHOPPERS PICKING UP SOME LAST MINUTE TURKEY DAY FIXINGS AT BAY AREA LUCKY SUPERMARKETS MAY HAVE USED A TAMPERED CREDIT CARD AND DEBIT READER. THE GROCERY CHAIN ISSUED AN ADVISORY TODAY NOTIFYING CUSTOMERS THAT SOME 20 STORES BAY AREA WIDE WERE IMPACTED. THE READERS TAMPERED WERE AT SELF-CHECKOUT LANES ONLY. THE SUPERMARKET SAYS THE AFFECTED CARD READERS WERE IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM THE STORES. THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF ANY CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS BEING COMPROMISED AT THIS TIME.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY, ELDERLY, MEN & WOMEN

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/2/11 REPORTED... REMARKABLE PROGRESS IN THE RECOVERY OF INJURED GIANTS FAN BRYAN STOW. HE'S ABLE TO WRITE HIS OWN NAME.TAKE A LOOK AT THIS PHOTO OF HIS HANDWRITING POSTED TODAY ON THE STOW FAMILY WEB SITE.HE'S ALSO ABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS HE'S ASKED.. AND STAY IN HIS WHEELCHAIR LONGER.. WHICH ALLOWS HIM TO BE OUTSIDE LONGER.THIS NEWS COMES ON THE SAME DAY STOW RECEIVED MORE SUPPORT FROM ONE OF THE GREATEST GIANTS OF THEM ALL. BARRY BONDS APPEARS WITH STOW'S FAMILY IN A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT.BONDS IS HELPING THE FAMILY RAISE MONEY FOR STOW'S TWO CHILDREN...FOR THEIR COLLEGE FUND. STOW WAS SEVERELY BEATEN OUTSIDE DODGER STADIUM ON OPENING DAY, BACK ON MARCH 31ST.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/7/11 REPORTED... SAN JOSE POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR A MAN WHO ALLEGEDLY SEXUALLY ASSAULTED A 14-YEAR OLD GIRL OVER THE WEEKEND. THE ASSAULT HAPPENED IN AN EAST SAN JOSE NEIGHBORHOOD NEAR A PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS NEAR HIGHWAY 680. THE GIRL SAYS SHE WAS WALKING WITH A FRIEND SATURDAY AFTERNOON WHEN A MAN APPROACHED THEM AND ASKED TO USE A CELL PHONE.SHE LET HIM USE HER PHONE WHILE HER FRIEND KEPT WALKING.ABOUT AN HOUR LATER, WHEN THE FRIEND COULDN'T FIND THE

GIRL, SHE CALLED POLICE AND REPORTED HER MISSING. POLICE ARRIVED AND SEARCHED THE AREA, FOUND THE GIRL AND SAW THE SUSPECT TAKE OFF.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/9/11 REPORTED...

CALIFORNIA'S BATTLE AGAINST CHILDHOOD OBESITY IS IMPROVING BUT THE OUTLOOK ISN'T AS POSITIVE FOR THE BAY AREA. NEARLY 40-PERCENT OF CALIFORNIA'S FIFTH, SEVENTH, AND NINTH GRADE STUDENTS WERE OVERWEIGHT OR OBESE LAST YEAR. THAT'S ABOUT A ONE-PERCENT DROP FROM 2005. BUT OBESITY RATES CONTINUED TO CLIMB IN MOST BAY AREA COUNTIES. ONLY SAN MATEO COUNTY SAW A DECLINE. ITS OBESITY RATE FELL TO 34 PERCENT. HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY TAKING SUGARY SODAS OUT OF CAFETERIAS AND REPLACING TATER TOTS AND FRENCH FRIES WITH FRESH FRUIT AND SALAD BARS -- HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE SMALL DROP.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/9/11 REPORTED... TODAY IN WASHINGTON, THE HEAD OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ANNOUNCED A PLAN TO BRING HIGH-SPEED INTERNET TO SOME OF THE NATION'S POOREST CHILDREN. DISCOUNTED SERVICE WOULD COST ABOUT \$10 A MONTH, WHICH IS ABOUT A FIFTH OF THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. THE PROGRAM WILL BE OPEN TO LOW INCOME FAMILIES WITH AT LEAST ONE CHILD IN THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM. THE F-C-C SAYS IT WON'T COST TAXPAYERS A DIME. CABLE PROVIDERS, INCLUDING COMCAST NBC'S PARENT COMPANY HAVE AGREED TO SLASH THEIR MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR THOSE QUALIFIED. THE NEW SERVICE WILL BEGIN NEXT FALL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/11/11 REPORTED... AN ACTRESS AND FORMER PORN STAR TONIGHT IS DEFIANT, SAYING SHE'LL CONTINUE HER INVOLVEMENT IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL READING PROGRAM. THE WEBSITE, T-M-Z, POSTED PHOTOS FROM LAST WEEK, SHOWING ACTRESS SASHA GREY READING A DOCTOR SEUSS BOOK TO STUDENTS AT A COMPTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. SOME PARENTS HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT HER PARTICIPATION IN *READ ACROSS AMERICA*, BUT OTHERS WITH CHILDREN IN THAT CLASS AREN'T BOTHERED. EARLIER THIS YEAR GREY SAID SHE WOULD NO LONGER MAKE ADULT FILMS. SHE HAS MOST RECENTLY APPEARED ON THE T-V SHOW, ENTOURAGE, AND MAINSTREAM MOVIES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/16/11 REPORTED... THE PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL MUSTANGS ARE GETTING READY FOR A PLAYOFF GAME THIS FRIDAY. THAT KIND OF SPOTLIGHT, THEY LIKE. BUT THE SPOTLIGHT ON THE COACH-ATHLETE RELATIONSHIP FOLLOWING THE PENN STATE SEX IS SCANDAL IS LESS COMFORTABLE. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR JOE BERTICEVICH SAYS THAT ANY COACH OR VOLUNTEER WHO WORKS WITH PUBLIC SCHOOL KIDS IS VETTED. THAT MEANS, IF THEY SUSPECT ABUSE THEY HAVE TO TELL THE AUTHORITIES. BUT POP WARNER COACH EDDIE GARCIA WHO IS ALSO A SAN JOSE POLICE OFFICER IN THE SEXUAL ASSAULT UNIT SAYS PARENTS HAVE TO EMPOWER KIDS AS WELL. THE COACHES SAY THEY REALLY HOPE THE HEADLINES DON'T MAKE FAMILIES SHY AWAY FROM PARTICIPATING IN SPORTS... THEY SAY THEY'LL CONTINUE TO WORK HARD TO MAKE SURE PLAYERS AND THEIR PARENTS KNOW THEY DESERVE THE TRUST THEY GET.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/16/11 REPORTED...

"CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OAKLAND" IS INVESTIGATING THE DEATH OF A 4 YEAR OLD STOCKTON BOY ... AFTER HE DIED FOLLOWING ROUTINE DENTAL SURGERY AT THE HOSPITAL. JERMAINE HARRISON WENT INTO CARDIAC ARREST LAST WEEK AND THE FAMILY IS DEMANDING ANSWERS. THE SURGERY, TO REMOVE SOME ROTTEN TEETH, WAS DONE IN THE HOSPITAL INSTEAD OF A DENTAL OFFICE BECAUSE THE YOUNG BOY HAD A HISTORY OF HEART PROBLEMS. HARRISON ALSO HAD A PACEMAKER. THE HOSPITAL SAYS THE DENTAL SURGERY WENT WELL, BUT AFTER THE PROCEDURE, HIS CONDITION DETERIORATED RAPIDLY. THE HOSPITAL RELEASED THIS STATEMENT: "WE ARE DEEPLY

SADDENED BY THIS TRAGEDY. OUR HEARTFELT THOUGHTS GO OUT TO THE FAMILY." THE HOSPITAL IS CONDUCTING ITS OWN INTERNAL INVESTIGATION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/25/11 REPORTED...

APPARENTLY TWEEN SCREAMING FITS AREN'T THE ONLY SIDE EFFECTS TO WATCHING A TWILIGHT MOVIE...THE NUMBER ONE MOVIE IN AMERICA IS REPORTEDLY GIVING SOME MOVIE-GOERS *SEIZURES.* "BREAKING DAWN PART ONE" -- THE FIRST PART OF THE TWILIGHT SAGA FINALE, CONTAINS A GRAPHIC SCENE WHERE *BELLA*, PLAYED BY KRISTEN STEWART, VIOLENTLY GIVES BIRTH TO HER CHILD. THERE ARE REPORTS THAT THE FLASHING OF COLORS AND BRIGHT LIGHTS HAVE CAUSED MULTIPLE VIEWERS TO SUFFER WHAT'S CALLED, *PHOTO-SENSITIVE EPILEPSY* -- OR SEIZURES.THIS IS NOT THE FIRST FILM TO ALLEGEDLY CAUSE SEIZURES. RECENT MOVIES LIKE *127 HOURS* AND JAMES CAMERON'S *AVATAR*, ALSO REPORTEDLY CAUSED SOME VIEWERS TO EXPERIENCE CONVULSIONS.

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NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/1/11 REPORTED...

AN UNSUAL EVENT AT THE "OCCUPY SAN FRANCISCO" CAMP TODAY.FIRST AID WORKERS' ARE CREDITED WITH TREATING A WOMAN WHO WAS STABBED IN THE NEARBY TENDERLOIN NEIGHBORHOOD. THE 24-YEAR-OLD WOMAN SAYS A MAN PUNCHED AND STABBED HER NEAR HYDE AND EDDY STREETS JUST BEFORE 3-30 THIS MORNING.THE VICTIM'S HUSBAND RUSHED TO THE SCENE BEFORE SEEKING HELP INSIDE A FIRST AID TENT -- AT THE OCCUPY ENCAMPMENT AT JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA.THE UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN WAS TREATED ON SITE -- AND IS EXPECTED TO RECOVER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/2/11 REPORTED...

MEN IN BLACK STORM A HOME IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MORNING..AND TONIGHT GILROY POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR THEM. DETECTIVES WITH THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SAY TWO MEN -- DRESSED IN BLACK -- BARGED INTO AN UPSCALE HOME ON HOWELL AVENUE AT ABOUT 10 THIS MORNING.ONE OF THE SUSPECTS WAS CARRYING A HANDGUN.A HOUSE CLEANER.. WHO WAS INSIDE THE HOME DURING THE INVASION IS OKAY.WE'RE TOLD THE BANDITS MADE OFF WITH SEVERAL ITEMS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/3/11 REPORTED...

HUMANE WORKERS ON THE PENINSULA ARE HEART-BROKEN ABOUT A FELONY CASE OF ANIMAL CRUELTY-- AND THEY'RE SEARCHING FOR THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE. YESTERDAY.. A REDWOOD CITY SEWER DISTRICT WORKER FOUND A FIVE-POUND WEIGHT, ATTACHED TO THE NECK OF A 12-YEAR OLD CAT.THE ANIMAL HAD BEEN DROWNED IN THE REDWOOD CITY LAGOON.THE PENINSULA HUMANE SOCIETY SAYS THE BLACK AND WHITE CAT HAD DECLAWED FRONT PAWS AND NO COLLAR OR MICRO-CHIP. PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA, OUTRAGED ABOUT THE CASE, HAVE ADDED THEIR OWN MONEY TO THE REWARD, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO MORE THAN 22-HUNDRED DOLLARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/10/11 REPORTED...

42 YEARS ON THE RUN. BUT TONIGHT'S -- HE' SIN A BAY AREA JAIL. A FUGITIVE WITH TIES TO A 1960s RADICAL GROUP TURNED HIMSELF IN. RONALD BRIDGEFORTH SURRENDERED TODAY AT THE SAN MATEO COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN REDWOOD CITY. HE WANTS TO PLEAD GUILTY TO ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON FOR SHOOTING AT SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO POLICE WHO TRIED TO ARREST HIM BACK IN 1968. HE PLEADED GUILTY BACK THEN -- BUT JUMPED BAIL AND CHANGED HIS NAME. BRIDGEFORTH MOVED TO MICHIGAN, MARRIED AND EARNED A MASTER'S DEGREE. NOW 67 YEARS OLD, HE SAYS HE WANTS TO SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR HIS SONS. BRIDGEFORTH'S ATTORNEY ASKED THAT HE BE RELEASED ON HIS OWN RECOGNIZANCE, BUT AT THE END OF THE HEARING HE WAS LED AWAY IN HANDCUFFS. HIS BAIL IS SET 24-THOUSAND DOLLARS. AT AN

UPCOMING HEARING, THE JUDGE COULD SENTENCE HIM TO PROBATION, OR UP TO 15-YEARS IN PRISON.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/11/11 REPORTED... SAN JOSE POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A SUSPECT WHO KIDNAPPED AND CARJACKED A 22-YEAR-OLD MAN IN THE CITY'S DOWNTOWN AREA. POLICE SAY THE SUSPECT AMBUSHED THE VICTIM, FORCING HIM INTO HIS CHEVY CAMARO AND DRIVING OFF. AFTER A SHORT CHASE BY POLICE, IT ALL ENDED AT 17TH AND SANTA CLARA STREETS -- NEAR FIRE STATION EIGHT. THAT'S WHERE THE SUSPECT DROVE ONTO A DIVIDER IN THE ROAD -- FLATTENING ALL FOUR TIRES. INVESTIGATORS SAY THE SUSPECT RAN OFF WHILE THE VICTIM REMAINED INSIDE HIS CAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/14/11 REPORTED... A CLOSE CALL IN LOS GATOS -- AFTER A MAN TRIED ABDUCTING A TEENAGE GIRL. THANKFULLY -- SHE GOT AWAY- AND NOW THE SEARCH IS ON FOR THE SUSPECT. OFFICERS SAY THE 17 YEAR OLD WAS WALKING WESTBOUND ON LARK AVENUE AROUND FOUR PM YESTERDAY, NEAR THE LOS GATOS CREEK TRIAL. A MAN DROVE UP AND ASKED HER IF SHE WANTED A RIDE. WHEN SHE SAID NO, HE GOT OUT OF HIS CAR AND GRABBED HER ARM, AND TRIED TO CARRY HER. SHE PUNCHED HIM IN THE FACE AND THE GROIN AND RAN AWAY. THE MAN GOT BACK IN HIS CAR AND DROVE TOWARD WINCHESTER BOULEVARD. POLICE DESCRIBE THE SUSPECT AS AN HISPANIC MAN, ABOUT 45 YEARS OLD. HE WORE A RED T-SHIRT WITH A LARGE CIRCULAR LOGO ON THE FRONT. HE ALSO HAD DIRTY BLUE JEANS WITH PAINT SPLATTERS. THE MAN WAS DRIVING A SMALL, DARK, HATCHBACK SEDAN, POSSIBLY A MID-1980'S V-W JETTA-WITH DARK REAR WINDOWS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/14/11 REPORTED... A FORMER PAYROLL MANAGER WITH THE GIANTS HAS PLEADED GUILTY OF EMBEZZLING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FROM THE TEAM. AS EXPECTED, ROBIN O'CONNOR PLEADED GUILTY TODAY IN SAN FRANCISCO FEDERAL COURT. THE 42-YEAR-OLD RESIDENT OF AMERICAN CANYON ADMITTED TO TAKING 2.2 MILLION DOLLARS IN PAYROLL MONEY DURING A ONE-YEAR PERIOD ENDING IN JUNE. O'CONNOR WILL BE SENTENCED IN MARCH AND FACES UP TO 20 YEARS IN PRISON.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/16/11 REPORTED... AN ALLEGED UNION CITY GANG MEMBER IS FACING LIFE IN PRISON AFTER BEING CONVICTED TODAY OF TRYING TO KILL AN UNDERCOVER FREEMONT POLICE OFFICER. A JURY DID NOT BUY HIS STORY THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW THE MAN SHOUTING "POLICE" WAS A COP. 21 YEAR OLD ANDREW BARRIENTOS COULD FACE FIFTY YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR SHOOTING OFFICER TODD YOUNG DURING A BOTCHED ARREST IN EAST OAKLAND LAST YEAR. YOUNG WAS SHOT TWICE IN THE LOWER BODY. DEFENSE ATTORNEYS SAY BARRIENTOS DIDN'T KNOW THAT YOUNG WAS A POLICE OFFICER BECAUSE HE WAS UNDERCOVER IN PLAIN CLOTHES. BARRIENTOS WILL BE SENTENCED ON DECEMBER 16TH.

DIVERSITY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/1/11 REPORTED... WAS IT A SHARK -- OR A DOLPHIN? EITHER WAY -- A PRO SURFER -- AT TODAY'S BIG COMPETITION IN SAN FRANCISCO -- GOT OUT OF THE WATER AS QUICKLY AS HE COULD. OCEAN BEACH IS HOSTING THE SEVENTH ANNUAL "RIP CURL PRO SEARCH" CONTEST. THE SURFER LEFT THE WATER -- IN THE MIDDLE OF THE COMPETITION -- SAYING HE SAW A LARGE SHARK. THE ALLEGED SIGHTING COMES JUST THREE DAYS AFTER A SURFER WAS BIT NEAR MONTEREY OVER THE WEEKEND. AS FOR THE COMPETITION AT OCEAN BEACH, SUPERSTAR *KELLY SLATER* IS THE ODDS-ON

FAVORITE TO WIN.THE CONTEST WILL GO THROUGH NEXT WEEK -- DEPENDING ON WEATHER CONDITIONS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/2/11 REPORTED... A GREAT WHITE SHARK RECENTLY RELEASED BY THE MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM.. HAS DIED. SINCE 2004 THE AQUARIUM HAS CAUGHT AND RELEASED A TOTAL OF SIX YOUNG GREAT WHITE SHARKS, PUTTING THEM ON DISPLAY FOR WEEKS OR MONTHS, AND THEN RELEASING THEM TO THE OCEAN. THE SHARKS -- AN ENDANGERED SPECIES-- ARE CONSIDERED A POPULAR ATTRACTION. BUT TONIGHT THE AQUARIUM SAYS ITS LATEST SHARK, RELEASED ON OCTOBER 25TH, DIED FOUR DAYS LATER.EXPERTS HAVE RECOVERED THE SHARK'S TRACKING DEVICE AND WILL ANALYZE THE DATA. THE SHARK HAD BEEN ON DISPLAY AT THE AQUARIUM FOR 55-DAYS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/3/11 REPORTED... THE BEST CYLISTS IN THE WORLD ARE HEADING BACK TO THE BAY AREA NEXT YEAR...BUT THERE ARE SOME CHANGES -- TO THE AMGEN TOUR OF CALIFORNIA. LIVERMORE AND SAN JOSE WILL STILL BE KEY LEGS OF THE BIKE RACE, BUT NEXT MAY, RIDERS WILL FINISH THE SECOND STAGE OF THE RACE IN SANTA CRUZ. THE RACE SPONSOR, A-E-G, WANTED AN OCEAN BACKDROP. SANTA CRUZ DROPPED OUT OF THIS YEAR'S RACE BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL CONCERNS. ANOTHER CHANGE FOR NEXT YEAR-- INSTEAD OF STARTING AT LAKE TAHOE, THE 750-MILE RACE WILL BEGIN IN SANTA ROSA. IT ENDS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/7/11 REPORTED... MARK ZUCKBERG RETURNED TO WHERE HIS SOCIAL-NETWORKING EMPIRE ALL BEGAN. THE 27-YEAR-OLD FACEBOOK C-E-O APPEARED ON THE HARVARD CAMPUS FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE HE LEFT THE PRESTIGIOUS SCHOOL IN 2004. THE FACEBOOK CO-FOUNDER RECRUITED TALENT FROM BOTH HARVARD AND NEARBY M-I-T -- ALSO LOCATED IN CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS.ZUCKERBERG TOLD THE MEDIA ABOUT HIS VISION FOR FACEBOOK IN THE NEAR FUTURE. ZUCKERBERG ALSO REVEALED FACEBOOK HAS OPENED A DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IN SEATTLE BECAUSE IT SHARES THE SAME TIME ZONE WITH PALO ALTO AND IT'S A QUICK FLIGHT BACK AND FORTH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/8/11 REPORTED... THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN OFTEN...A BAY AREA TEENAGER IS GOING STRAIGHT TO THE TOP. HE'S ONE OF THE BEST YOUNG SOCCER PLAYERS IN THE UNITED STATES -- AND NOW HE'S HEADING TO EUROPE. MARC PELOSI IS A 17 YEAR-OLD SOCCER PRODIGY HE PLAYED ONE YEAR AT BELLARMINE PREP IN SAN JOSE -- BEFORE ENROLLING IN A PRIVATE SOCCER ACADEMY IN FLORIDA. HE'S SO TALENTED HE TURNED DOWN MULTIPLE SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS -- AND OFFERS FROM SEVERAL AMERICAN PROFESSIONAL TEAMS. INSTEAD, PELOSI CHOSE TO SIGN W/ THE LIVERPOOL FOOTBALL CLUB -- OF THE PRESTIGIOUS ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/14/11 REPORTED... A DISCOVERY AT AN EAST BAY STORAGE UNIT COULD LAUNCH A SECOND CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH. AT A STORAGE UNIT JUST LIKE ONE OF THESE, A SOUTH BAY MAN KNOWN ONLY AS *JOHN OF SAN JOSE* SHELLED-OUT A-THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR AN OLD TRUNK. ACCORDING TO THE A-M-C TV NETWORK SHOW, *STORAGE WARS,* -- THERE WAS A TREASURE FOUND INSIDE-- HALF-A-MILLION DOLLARS OF GOLD COINS SOME DATING BACK TO THE 1500s.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/14/11 REPORTED... A WEDDING DATE IS ALL SET FOR TWO AMERICAN HIKERS WHO WERE IMPROSONED IN IRAN. SARAH SHOURD AND SHANE BAUER WILL TIE THE KNOT ON MAY FIFTH IN SAN FRANCISCO. HERE YOU CAN SEE THE PAIR HUGGING ON BAUER'S RETURN HOME, AFTER NEARLY TWO YEARS IN AN IRANIAN PRISON. THE BERKELY GRADUATES GOT ENGAGED

WHILE THEY WERE BOTH IN JAIL...USING AN IMPROMPTU RING MADE OUT OF THREAD FROM A SHIRT. THE PAIR WAS ARRESTED ALONG WITH THEIR FRIEND, JOSH FATTAL, IN 2009 AFTER HIKING NEAR THE IRAQ-IRAN BORDER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/25/11 REPORTED... IT'S CALLED THE GLOBAL WINTER WONDERLAND ... AND IT'S TAKING PLACE A SIX FLAGS GREAT ADVENTURE. IT IS BILLED AS MAGICAL LANTERN FESTIVAL THAT CELEBRATES HOLIDAY TRADITIONS. FROM AROUND THE WORLD. VISITORS WILL BE TREATED TO 40 GIANT STRUCTURES THAT REPLICATE SOME OF THE WORLD'S ICONIC LANDMARKS, LIKE INDIA'S TAJ MAHAL AND PARIS'S EIFFEL TOWER. TODAY'S EVENT FEATURED AN APPEARANCE BY THE SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS CHEERLEADERS, AS WELL AS SANTA CLAUS. THE GLOBAL WINTER WONDERLAND RUNS THROUGH JANUARY SECOND.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/30/11 REPORTED... COULD THE OLYMPICS BE COMING TO CALIFORNIA IN 20-22? IF CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA OFFICIALS GET THEIR WAY...YES. THE TWO STATES ARE TEAMING UP TO BRING THE WINTER GAMES BACK TO LAKE TAHOE. SQUAW VALLEY HOSTED THE WINTER OLYMPICS IN 1960.A GROUP KNOWN AS THE RENO-TAHOE WINTER GAMES COALITION IS TRYING TO CONVINCE THE U-S OLYMPIC COMMITTEE TO BACK THEIR BID AND TAKE IT TO THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE. THE U-S-O-C HAS NOT SAID WHETHER THE UNITED STATES WILL EVEN SEEK TO HOST THE WINTER GAMES IN 2022. THAT DECISION WON'T BE MADE UNTIL 2015.

EDUCATION

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/4/11 REPORTED... FACEBOOK IS BEING CALLED THE 'ANTI-SOCIAL NETWORK' AT ONE EAST BAY HIGH SCHOOL, AFTER A RASH OF FIGHTS INSTIGATED PART BY FACEBOOK POSTS. OFFICIALS AT OAKLEY'S LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL ARE ASKING PARENTS TO TALK TO THEIR KIDS ABOUT WHAT THEY POST ONLINE.AT LEAST 7 FIGHTS DURING THE FIRST FIVE WEEKS OF SCHOOL BEGAN WHEN A TEEN POSTED INSULTS. THEY RAN THE GAMUT FROM COMMENTS ABOUT HAIR EXTENSIONS TO UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE. 15 STUDENTS --BOYS AND GIRLS-- HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED FOR FIGHTING. OAKLEY'S NOT ALONE...RECENT RESEARCH SHOWS A QUARTER OF KIDS BETWEEN 10 AND 18 HAVE BEEN MISTREATED ONLINE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/8/11 REPORTED... THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA PLANS TO ASK FOR MORE FUNDING FROM THE STATE THAT'S ALREADY STRUGGLING TO PAY ITS OWN BILLS. U-C ADMINISTRATORS ARE ASKING FOR 2.8 BILLION DOLLARS FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR.IT'S MORE THAN THE 2.37 BILLION THEY GOT THIS YEAR BUT LESS THAN THE 3.2 BILLION THEY RECEIVED A FEW YEARS AGO.THE U-C PRESIDENT SAYS THE AMOUNT IS WHAT THE SCHOOL SYSTEM NEEDS TO BOOST ENROLLMENT AND AVOID RAISING TUITION. THE U-C BOARD OF REGENTS IS EXPECTED TO VOTE ON THE REQUEST NEXT WEEK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/8/11 REPORTED... DON'T TAKE MY PAY INCREASE AND DON'T RAISE STUDENT TUITION. THAT WAS THE MESSAGE FROM INSTRUCTORS AT SAN FRANCISCO STATE. THEY HIT THE PICKET LINES FOR TWO HOURS. ALL 23- C-S-U CAMPUSES ARE HAVING INFORMATIONAL PICKET LINES, SOME TODAY, OTHERS TOMORROW. THEY SAY ADMINISTRATORS WENT BACK ON THEIR WORD TO GIVE THEM A PAY INCREASE, AND THEIR UNION JUST VOTED TO STRIKE ON NOVEMBER 17TH AT TWO CAMPUSES- DOMINGUEZ HILLS AND CAL STATE EAST BAY IN HAYWARD. INSTRUCTORS AT S-F STATE, WHO HAVE THE DAY OFF MAY GO TO CAL STATE EAST BAY NEXT WEEK TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT.A SPOKESPERSON FOR C-S-U SAYS THEY ARE

NOTIFYING STUDENTS TO BE PREPARED.AND THEY SAY FACULTY RAISES WERE TIED TO STATE FUNDING, WHICH WAS CUT BY 650- MILLION DOLLARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/14/11 REPORTED... HACKING FOR GRADES. SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY SAYS SOMEONE BROKE INTO ITS ACADEMIC RECORD SYSTEM AND CHANGED CLASS SCORES. THE FBI IS INVESTIGATING.SCHOOL OFFICIALS SAY THE UNAUTHORIZED CHANGES AFFECT ABOUT 60 FORMER STUDENTS AND A HANDFUL OF CURRENT UNDERGRADS. THE HACKING HAPPENED BETWEEN JUNE 2010 AND JULY 2011. THE SCHOOL SAYS NO OTHER PERSONAL INFORMATION WAS COMPROMISED. THE UNIVERSITY PLANS TO PROSECUTE ANYONE WHO UNLAWFULLY ACCESSES ITS COMPUTER SYSTEM.ADMINISTRATORS ARE WORKING WITH PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS TO VERIFY THE INTEGRITY OF THE TAMPERED TRANSCRIPTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/15/11 REPORTED... HERE'S SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF...THE BAY AREA IS HOME TO CALIFORNIA'S MOST EDUCATED CITY. ACCORDING TO RECENTLY RELEASED CENSUS DATA, THE CITY OF PALO ALTO IS THE MOST EDUCATED IN THE STATE.80-PERCENT OF RESIDENTS HAVE A BACHELORS DEGREE AND NEARLY 50-PERCENT HAVE A GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL DEGREE. OTHER BAY AREA CITIES AREN'T LAGGING FAR BEHIND. PALO ALTO WAS FOLLOWED BY LOS ALTOS, SARATOGA, AND CUPERTINO TO ROUND OFF THE TOP FOUR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/17/11 REPORTED...STUDENTS IN THE BAY AREA WILL GET THE SPECIAL HELP THEY NEED TO GET INTO COLLEGE. AN ORGANIZATION CALLED "STRIVE FOR COLLEGE." PAIRS COLLEGE STUDENTS WITH HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS TO HELP THEM FILL OUT COLLEGE APPLICATIONS AND APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID . SHANNA BRANCOTO GRADUATED FROM DEL MAR HIGH SCHOOL IN SAN JOSE AND IS NOW PROUD TO SAY SHE'S THE FIRST PERSON IN HER IMMEDIATE FAMILY TO ATTEND A FOUR YEAR COLLEGE. SHE SAYS IT'S ALL THANKS TO HER MENTOR, VINCENT AGUILAR. SINCE IT STARTED IN 2007 "STRIVE FOR COLLEGE" HAS HELPED 100 BAY AREA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GO ON TO UNIVERSITIES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/28/11 REPORTED... SAN JOSE STATE'S CONFIDENCE IS RIDING HIGH TONIGHT-- AFTER RECEIVING NATIONAL RECOGNITION. CONGRESSWOMAN ZOE LOFGREN HONORED THE SCHOOL FOR ITS INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RECRUITMENT EFFORTS. THIS YEAR MORE THAN 2 THOUSAND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ARE ENROLLED IN THE UNIVERSITY'S DEGREE PROGRAMS ALLOWING THE SCHOOL TO HIRE NEW EMPLOYEES. HIGHER EDUCATION IS BIG BUSINESS FOR THE U-S RANKING IN THE TOP TEN SERVICE EXPORTS.

ENVIRONMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/1/11 REPORTED... IN RICHMOND FIRE INVESTIGATORS ARE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT CAUSED AN EXPLOSION THAT KNOCKED A HOUSE OFF ITS FOUNDATION. THE EARLY-MORNING BLAST WAS SO POWERFUL, NEIGHBORS IN THE 38-HUNDRED BLOCK OF OHIO AVENUE.. JUST WEST OF I-80.. FIRST THOUGHT IT WAS AN EARTHQUAKE.A MAN WHO WAS TREATED FOR BURNS AND GLASS IN HIS LEG WAS RELEASED FROM A HOSPITAL.TWO OTHER MEN INSIDE THE HOME ARE OKAY. WE'VE LEARNED THE EXPLOSION IS NOT RELATED TO ANY P-G-AND-E GAS LINES.AUTHORITIES SAY CHEMICALS, INCLUDING PROPANE GAS, WERE INSIDE THE HOME AT THE TIME OF THE EXPLOSION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/3/11 REPORTED... EXPERTS WITH THE U-S GEOLOGICAL SURVEY HAVE A GRIM PREDICTION OF WHAT GLOBAL WARMING WILL DO TO THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AND THE SACRAMENTO DELTA AREA. EXPECT THE WATERS TO GET WARMER, SALTIER, AND MORE LIKELY TOP FLOOD LEVELS.

SUCH CHANGES WOULD ALSO HAVE A HUGE IMPACT ON LOCAL ECOSYSTEMS. ANOTHER IMPACT WILL BE ON DRINKING WATER. WITH A SHRUNKEN SIERRA SNOW-PACK, WATER SUPPLIES WILL BE STRETCHED EVEN THINNER THAN THEY ARE NOW. THE SEVEN YEAR STUDY IS DESCRIBED AS THE FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/15/11 REPORTED... IN THE ONGOING ENVIRONMENTAL DEBATE BETWEEN USING PAPER AND PLASTIC BAGS, SAN FRANCISCO MAY SOON TAKE ANOTHER STEP IN THE GREEN DIRECTION. CITY SUPERVISORS ARE EXPECTED TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL THAT WOULD REQUIRE SHOPPERS TO PAY A DIME FOR EACH BAG PROVIDED BY THE STORE. THAT CHARGE WOULD JUMP TO 25-CENTS BY 2014. THE LEGISLATION WOULD ALSO EXPAND THE CITY'S LIMITED BAN ON PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS TO ALL RETAIL STORES. IF IT PASSES NEXT TUESDAY...THE CHANGES WOULD TAKE EFFECT JULY FIRST.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/16/11 REPORTED... THIS LOOKS MORE LIKE A WATER-LOGGED MESS THAN A CHERISHED PIECE OF HISTORY. BUT A COAST GUARD SALVAGE CREW IN SUISUN BAY WORKED TODAY TO RIGHT MANY YEARS OF WRONG, SALVAGING PARTS OF A COAST GUARD CUTTER SO OLD IT HAD A NUMBER INSTEAD OF A NAME. THE HISTORY ATTACHED TO THIS BOAT HAPPENED IN SEPTEMBER OF 1945. THAT'S WHEN A JAPANESE OFFICER SURRENDERED HIS GARRISON TO THE U-S IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC THE ONLY WORLD WAR-TWO SURRENDER ONBOARD A COAST GUARD VESSEL. TEN YEARS AGO THE CUTTER WAS SCUTTLED IN THE SACRAMENTO DELTA. AFTER THEY'RE CLEANED UP, PARTS OF THE BOAT WILL BE TURNED INTO A MONUMENT AT A COAST GUARD STATION IN RIO VISTA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/17/11 REPORTED... CLIMATE CHANGE AND CHANGING WEATHER PATTERNS HAVE RESEARCHERS LOOKING TO THE WORLD'S OCEANS. BUT THOSE KIND OF STUDIES CAN BE RISKY AND EXPENSIVE. SO A NEW KIND OF RESEARCH TEAM SET-OUT TODAY FROM SAN FRANCISCO. AS NBC BAY AREA'S JOE ROSATO JR. SHOWS US THEY WORK WEEKENDS, DON'T TAKE BREAKS... OR COLLECT A PAYCHECK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/18/11 REPORTED... A CONTROVERSY ON THE GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS WANT A PACIFICA GOLF COURSE TO STOP MAINTAINING ITS LAWN TO SAVE AN ENDANGERED SPECIES. A FEDERAL JUDGE HEARD ARGUMENTS TODAY ABOUT THE CLAIMS AGAINST THE SHARP PARK GOLF COURSE. ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS CLAIM MOWING AND PUMPING AT HORSE STABLE POND HARMS TWO ENDANGERED SPECIES: THE SAN FRANCISCO GARTER SNAKE AND THE CALIFORNIA RED-LEGGED FROG. THE JUDGE DECIDED TO DEFER RULING AND INSTEAD ASKED THE GOLF COURSE TO LIMIT MAINTENANCE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/21/11 REPORTED... THERE'S A REASON THEY CALLED THIS THE VALLEY OF HEARTS DELIGHT. IT WAS A REGION THAT SAW THE FALL COLORS...AND SPRING BLOSSOMS. COUNTY SUPERVISOR DAVID CORTESE REMEMBERS RUNNING THROUGH THOSE FRUIT TREES. BUT NOW THOSE TREES ARE STUMPING A LOT OF HOMEOWNERS IN THE VALLEY. THE FIELDS ARE FILLED WITH SUBTERRANEAN TERMITES...THAT HAVE EATEN THROUGH THE ROOTS OF THOSE OLD TREES. AND GUESS WHERE THEY'VE HEADED. SEVERAL EXTERMINATORS TELL US THAT MOST WOOD HOMES THAT NOW SIT ON FORMER ORCHARDS ARE SUSCEPTIBLE. WE LOCATED THIS SWARM OF TERMITES IN THE MILPITAS NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE CREWS WERE TREATING IT WITH CHEMICALS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/23/11 REPORTED... AN ELECTRIFYING REPORT FROM THE STATE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST TODAY ON THE COST OF BANNING NUCLEAR ENERGY IN CALIFORNIA. THE NUCLEAR WASTE ACT OF 2012 WOULD FORCE THE STATE'S TWO NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS TO SHUT DOWN UNTIL THE

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COMES UP WITH A PLACE TO STORE WASTE. THE COST TO CONSUMERS--HIGHER ELECTRICITY RATES AND ROLLING BLACKOUTS. TAXPAYERS WOULD PAY BILLIONS TO THE UTILITIES FOR THE LOSS OF THEIR PLANTS. CALIFORNIA RELIES ON NUCLEAR POWER FOR 16 PERCENT OF ITS ELECTRICITY. SUPPORTERS NEED MORE THAN A HALF MILLION SIGNATURES BY APRIL 16TH TO QUALIFY FOR THE NOVEMBER BALLOT NEXT YEAR.

GOVERNMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/2/11 REPORTED... THERE WAS A STRONG BAY AREA PRESENCE IN WASHINGTON D-C TODAY AS JAPANESE AMERICAN MILITARY UNITS WERE HONORED WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL. NEARLY 70-YEARS AFTER PEARL HARBOR, LAWMAKERS PRESENTED THE AWARDS TO MEMBERS OF THREE SPECIAL UNITS. HAWAII'S SENIOR SENATOR, DAN INOUE, A VETERAN OF THE 442ND REGIMENT, ACCEPTED ON BEHALF OF THE 19-THOUSAND JAPANESE-AMERICANS WHO SERVED DURING WORLD WAR TWO. SENATOR BARBARA BOXER ADDRESSED THE PERSONAL CONFLICT EACH MAN HAD FACED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/4/11 REPORTED... SAN MATEO'S COUNTY MANAGER IS STEPPING DOWN, SAYING HE AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DON'T SEE EYE TO EYE. DAVID BOESCH'S LAST DAY WILL BE NOVEMBER 15. BOESCH HAS BEEN ON THE JOB SINCE 2008. HE SAYS HE'S NOT SOLD ON THE PROPOSAL FOR A NEW JAIL, WHICH HAS NO CLEAR FUNDING SOURCE. THERE IS NO WORD ON WHO THE NEW MANAGER WILL BE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/4/11 REPORTED... PRESIDENT OBAMA'S TOP LAWYER URGED HOUSE REPUBLICANS TO TAKE ANOTHER CRACK AT WRITING THEIR SUBPOENAS FOR INTERNAL WHITE HOUSE DOCUMENTS, PERTAINING TO SOLYNDRA. GENERAL COUNSEL SAYS THE REQUEST WAS JUST TOO BROAD, AND THEY PLAN TO ACCOMMODATE WHEN THE REQUEST IS MORE FOCUSED. THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION IS UNDER FIRE FOR GRANTING THE SOLAR COMPANY A HALF-BILLION DOLLAR LOW INTEREST LOAN IN 2010 ... AND PRAISING IT FOR ITS WORK. THIS PAST SEPTEMBER, SOLYNDRA DECLARED BANKRUPTCY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/8/11 REPORTED... PALO ALTO RESIDENTS ARE VOTING ON A MEASURE THAT COULD MEAN MAJOR PENSION REFORM FOR POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS. IF IT PASSES...MEASURE D WOULD END THE USE OF A THIRD PARTY ARBITRATOR TO SETTLE DISPUTES BETWEEN PUBLIC SAFETY WORKERS... AND CITY MANAGEMENT. OPPONENTS SAY FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE ARE THE ONLY CITY WORKERS NOT ALLOWED TO STRIKE. THEY SAY BINDING ARBITRATION ENSURES APPROPRIATE TREATMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY WORKERS IN CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS. PROPONENTS SAY THE MEASURE WILL HELP THE CITY CONTROL PENSIONS AND BENEFITS FOR FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE WHICH THEY SAY HAVE HIT CITY COFFERS HARD. THOSE FOR MEASURE D ALSO SAY THE ARBITRATORS TEND TO HAVE A BIAS TOWARD PUBLIC SAFETY WORKERS. SOMETHING OPPONENTS DENY. THE POLICY TO PUT LABOR IMPASSES IN THE HANDS OF A THREE PARTY PANEL WAS PUT INTO THE CITY CHARTER IN 1978. SINCE THEN IT HAS BEEN USED 6 TIMES TO RESOLVE DISPUTES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/16/11 REPORTED... TOMORROW MARKS A CRUCIAL DAY IN THE ONGOING LEGAL BATTLE OVER SAME SEX MARRIAGE IN CALIFORNIA. THAT'S WHEN THE STATE SUPREME COURT WILL DECIDE IF SUPPORTERS OF PROP-8 CAN CONTINUE TO DEFEND THE BAN. BOTH THE GOVERNOR AND ATTORNEY GENERAL HAVE REFUSED TO DEFEND THE BAN, AND NOW IT'S UP TO THE COURT TO DECIDE IF PROP 8 BACKERS HAVE THE LEGAL STANDING TO INTERVENE. A

FEDERAL JUDGE HAS ALREADY DECLARED THE VOTER-APPROVED BAN UNCONSTITUTIONAL. IF THE SUPREME COURT DECIDES THE SPONSORS OF PROP-8 CANNOT DEFEND A STATE LAW ON THEIR OWN, IT COULD MEAN THE END OF THE CASE AND PAVE THE WAY FOR SAME-SEX MARRIAGES TO RESUME IN CALIFORNIA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/21/11 REPORTED... CALTRANS IS SEEKING LOCAL AND FEDERAL CHARGES AGAINST A FORMER TECHNICIAN ACCUSED OF FALSIFYING SAFETY TESTS ON THREE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. BETWEEN 2007 AND 2008, DUANE WILES IS ACCUSED OF FALSIFYING DATA ON PROJECTS IN ALAMEDA COUNTY, RIVERSIDE COUNTY AND LOS ANGELES. WILES WAS RECENTLY FIRED FROM HIS POSITION BUT PROSECUTORS DID NOT FILE ANY CHARGES DUE TO A LACK OF FEDERAL INTEREST. CALTRANS WILL RELEASE DOCUMENTS ABOUT ITS INVESTIGATION BEFORE A SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE HEARING SCHEDULED TOMORROW. AGENCY OFFICIALS SAY WILES IS NOT SUSPECTED OF FALSIFYING TESTS ON THE NEW BAY BRIDGE -- A PROJECT HE ALSO WORKED ON.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/22/11 REPORTED... A DANVILLE FAMILY WHO SUFFERED A HEARTBREAKING LOSS EIGHT YEARS AGO- HAS JUST CLEARED A MAJOR HURDLE IN THEIR MISSION TO END PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE. BOB AND CARMEN PACK LOST THEIR SON AND DAUGHTER IN 2003 WHEN THEY WERE HIT BY A DRIVER WHO WAS DRUNK AND ON PRESCRIPTION DRUGS. NOW -- BOB PACK HAS JUST GOTTEN THE GO-AHEAD FROM THE STATE, TO GATHER SIGNATURES FOR A MEASURE THAT WOULD TEMPORARILY 'TAX' PRESCRIPTION DRUGS SOLD IN CALIFORNIA. THE MONEY WOULD GO TOWARD A STATE DATABASE THAT HELPS DOCTORS AND PHARMACIES MAKE SURE THEY'RE NOT GIVING MEDICATION TO SOMEONE WITH A HISTORY OF ABUSE. THAT PROGRAM IS FUNCTIONING ON A SHOESTRING BUDGET AFTER SEVERAL CUTS. THE PACKS HAVE UNTIL MID-APRIL TO COLLECT ABOUT 500 THOUSAND SIGNATURES TO QUALIFY THE MEASURE FOR THE BALLOT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/30/11 REPORTED... ANOTHER SETBACK FOR SUPPORTERS OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA. A REQUEST TO PREVENT THE CRACKDOWN OF POT CLUBS -- HAS BEEN REJECTED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE. MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES AND PATIENTS FAILED TO SHOW THAT THE CRACKDOWNS ARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL. IN SEPTEMBER, CALIFORNIA'S U-S ATTORNEYS NOTIFIED THE CLUBS AND THEIR LANDLORDS THAT THEY MUST CLOSE WITHIN 45 DAYS AS PART OF A STATEWIDE CRACKDOWN. TWO OF THE DISPENSARIES WHO SUED THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAVE ALREADY SHUT DOWN IN RESPONSE TO THE THREATS. CALIFORNIA LAW PERMITS THE USE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA WITH A DOCTOR'S RECOMMENDATION.

HEALTH/NUTRITION & DISEASE

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/2/11 REPORTED... A POPULAR DANVILLE DOG PARK IS CLOSED TONIGHT, BECAUSE OF A HEALTH SCARE. THE TOWN ORDERED THE IMMEDIATE SHUTDOWN OF THE 'CANINE CORRAL' AT 'HAP MCGEE RANCH PARK.' A VET REPORTED THAT AN INFECTED DOG PLAYED THERE THIS WEEK. PARVOVIRUS IS HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS AND IS SPREAD THROUGH DOG WASTE. MAINTENANCE WORKERS ARE STERILIZING THE DRINKING AREAS AND DOING GENERAL CLEANUP AT THE PARK. IT WILL REOPEN ON SATURDAY. MOST DOGS OVER THE AGE OF 8 WEEKS ARE VACCINATED AGAINST THE VIRUS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/8/11 REPORTED... AN OIL LEAK IN CONCORD IS CAUSING A FOUL SMELL, BUT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAYS THE FUMES ARE NOT TOXIC. THE CONOCO PHILLIPS PIPE BURST UNDERGROUND ON PROPERTY FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE CONCORD NAVAL WEAPONS STATION.

AIR READINGS SHOW THE LEAK FROM THE 16-INCH PIPELINE DOES NOT POSE A SIGNIFICANT HEALTH THREAT BUT IT IS RELEASING A STRONG SULFUROUS ODOR. THE ODOR MIGHT GET WORSE BEFORE IT GETS BETTER... OFFICIALS SAY AS THE SOIL IS MOVED TO FIX THE PIPE, THE SMELL MAY INTENSIFY. NO WORD ON WHEN THE CLEANUP WILL BE COMPLETE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/8/11 REPORTED... PARENTS WHO DON'T WANT TO VACCINATE THEIR CHILDREN FOR CHICKEN POX ARE INSTEAD EXPOSING THEM TO THE VIRUS BY BUYING CANDY ONLINE WHICH IS ADVERTISED AS BEING LICKED BY CHILDREN EXPOSED TO THE DISEASE. THE LOLLIPOPS, WHICH LOOK LIKE THE ONES IN THIS VIDEO FROM SALT LAKE CITY, ARE ILLEGAL. EXPERTS SAY IF YOU ORDER THE POPS BY MAIL, THE VIRUS WOULD NOT SURVIVE THE SHIPPING PROCESS, BUT OTHER BACTERIA COULD. HEPATITIS IS JUST ONE OF THE MORE DANGEROUS DISEASES A CHILD COULD GET FROM A CONTAMINATED LOLLIPOP. AND IT'S AGAINST FEDERAL LAW TO SEND LIVE VIRUSES THROUGH THE MAIL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/14/11 REPORTED... SAN JOSE HAS AN UNUSUAL DISTINCTION WHICH MAY END TOMORROW. IT HAS TO DO WITH TAP WATER. SAN JOSE IS THE LARGEST CITY IN THE NATION WITHOUT FLUORIDATED WATER, BUT THAT COULD CHANGE AT TOMORROW'S MEETING OF THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT. AMONG THE BIGGEST BOOSTERS OF FLUORIDE ARE DENTAL GROUPS. THEY CITE STUDIES SHOWING SAN JOSE'S PRE-SCHOOLERS HAVE TWICE AS MANY CAVITIES THAN OTHERS THEIR AGE -- BECAUSE THE WATER HAS NO FLUORIDE. WATER BOARD MEMBERS REPORTEDLY FAVOR FLUORIDATION, BUT ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HOW TO PAY FOR IT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/16/11 REPORTED... ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR BRANDS OF BABY PRODUCTS IS CHANGING ITS WAYS AFTER PUBLIC PRESSURE. IT'S ALL ABOUT CHEMICALS. ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER GROUPS HAVE PRESSURED JOHNSON AND JOHNSON TO REMOVE TWO POTENTIAL CANCER-CAUSING CHEMICALS FROM ITS ICONIC BABY SHAMPOO AND OTHER BABY PRODUCTS IN THE U-S. THE COMPANY SAYS IT IS STEADILY REMOVING THE CHEMICALS AND EXPECTS TO REMOVE ALL THE CHEMICAL WITHIN THE NEXT TWO YEARS. THE CHEMICAL IN QUESTION -- RELEASES THE PRESERVATIVE FORMALDEHYDE. THE COMPANY HAS ALREADY REMOVED THE TWO CHEMICALS IN SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE U-K AND SOUTH AFRICA BUT TRACE AMOUNTS STILL REMAIN IN PRODUCTS HERE IN THE U-S AND CHINA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/17/11 REPORTED... BART WILL BE GETTING NEW ODOR RESISTANT SEAT COVERS FOR MANY OF ITS TRAINS. THE TRANSIT AGENCY IS ADDING NEW VINYL SEAT COVERS FOR 200- TRAIN CARS. BART LEADERS DECIDED TO SPEND NEARLY TWO MILLION DOLLARS TO MAKE THE RIDE CLEANER AND BETTER FOR RIDERS. THEY'LL INSTALL THE FIRST ROUND OF NEW SEATS NEXT SPRING. BART IS ALSO PUSHING AHEAD WITH A PROPOSAL TO RUN BUSES BETWEEN ITS STATIONS AFTER MIDNIGHT WHEN TRAIN SERVICE SHUTS DOWN. THEY HOPE TO BEGIN THIS SERVICE SOMETIME NEXT YEAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/22/11 REPORTED... PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS HAVE QUARANTINED A NURSING HOME. IT'S HAPPENING IN MARIN COUNTY. THERE'S AN OUTBREAK OF THE GASTROINTESTINAL ILLNESS KNOWN AS "NOROVIRUS" THAT BEGAN WEEKS AGO. FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF RESIDENTS LIVING AT "COUNTY VILLA NOVATO HEALTHCARE CENTER" ARE BEING TOLD TO STAY AWAY WHILE THEIR LOVED ONES REMAIN IN THEIR ROOMS. WE'VE LEARNED THAT CLOSE TO A THIRD OF THE CENTER'S RESIDENTS ARE SICK. OFFICIALS THERE ARE NOT SURE WHETHER ANYONE WILL BE ALLOWED IN OR OUT FOR THANKSGIVING. HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE STILL TRYING TO DETERMINE THE SOURCE OF THE ILLNESS.

ADMINISTRATORS AT THE HOME WON'T SAY EXACTLY HOW MANY PATIENTS AND STAFF ARE AFFECTED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/22/11 REPORTED... IT'S AN AMBITIOUS PROJECT AIMED FIGHTING DISEASEAND IT'S HAPPENING HERE IN THE BAY AREA . MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED LOCAL VETERANS HAVE PROVIDED THEIR D-N-A TO HELP RESEARCHERS LEARN MORE ABOUT DISORDERS. THEY ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE MILLION VETERAN PROGRAM. TODAY VETERAN CATE BOWEN (AS IN " COW" IN) PROVIDED A BLOOD SAMPLE AT THE V.A. PALO ALTO HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. PROGRAM ORGANIZERS HOPE TO ENROLL A MILLION OTHER VETS IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. THE INFORMATION CAN BE USED TO UNDERSTAND WHY SOME VETERANS DEVELOP POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND OTHERS DON'T OR WHETHER THERE IS A GENETIC COMPONENT TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE. PARTICIPATION IN THE DATA BASE IS VOLUNTARY, AND VETS PERSONAL INFORMATION INCLUDING THEIR NAMES IS PROTECTED.

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS/SAFETY & SECURITY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/4/11 REPORTED... YOU MAY HAVE MORE FRIENDS THAN YOU KNOW ON YOUR FACEBOOK PAGE. THE C-I-A IS CLOSELY FOLLOWING PEOPLE'S POSTS AND TWEETS. REPORT SAYS THE C-I-A HAS A TEAM DEDICATED TO PORING OVER SOCIAL NETWORKING PAGES. THE ANALYSTS ALSO CHECK-OUT LOCAL TV AND RADIO STATIONS AND INTERNET CHAT ROOMS, MOSTLY OVERSEAS, DECIPHERING MESSAGES IN ALL LANGUAGES. THE TEAM IS MAINLY FOCUSED ON THE TWITTER-SPHERE TRYING TO GET A SENSE OF THE PUBLIC'S MOOD ON CERTAIN WORLD EVENTS, LIKE THE KILLING OF OSAMA BIN LADEN. ANALYSTS LOOK AT UP TO 5 MILLION TWEETS A DAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/15/11 REPORTED... STATE PRISON OFFICIALS ARE LOOKING FOR TWO INMATES WHO ESCAPED FROM THE DELTA CONSERVATION CAMP. THE CAMP IS LOCATED JUST OUTSIDE OF SUISUN CITY. BOTH INMATES WERE LAST SEEN AT ABOUT 4:30 THIS MORNING. 29- YEAR OLD EDUARDO HERNANDEZ AND 32- YEAR OLD JOSE PADILLA WERE BOTH WEARING ORANGE BLAZE COLORED JEANS AND A SHIRT WITH THE INITIALS C-D-C-R. PRISONER ON THE BACK. THIS IS THE SECOND ESCAPE FROM THE CAMP THIS YEAR. ANYONE WHO MAY HAVE SEEN THEM SHOULD CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/16/11 REPORTED... THE CRISIS IN HAITI MAY NOT BE IN THE HEADLINES EVERY DAY ANY MORE ... BUT NEARLY TWO YEARS AFTER A DEADLY EARTHQUAKE...THE REBUILDING OF HOMES AND LIVES IS STILL TAKING PLACE. MORE THAN 300-HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE DIED ...AND HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE LOST LIMBS. MANY OF THEM ARE BEING HELPED BY A FREMONT-BASED DOCTOR WHO JUST RETURNED FROM HAITI.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/16/11 REPORTED... THE FBI SAID TODAY THE INFORMATION THAT DANIEL ANDREAS SAN DIEGO MAY BE BACK EAST CAME FROM A TIP. SOMEONE WATCHING AMERICA'S MOST WANTED PHONED INTO THE SAN FRANCISCO FBI OFFICE AND ACCORDING TO FEDERAL INVESTIGATORS THE INFORMATION IS CREDIBLE. FBI AGENTS SAY A FUGITIVE WHO'S BEEN ON THE AGENCY'S MOST WANTED TERRORIST LIST SINCE 2009 MAY BE IN NORTHAMPTON... MASSACHUSETTS WHERE TODAY THE FBI ASKED FOR THE PUBLIC'S HELP TO FIND HIM. THE FBI SAYS TWO BOMBS EXPLODED ABOUT AN HOUR APART ON AUGUST 28TH 2003. THEN LESS THAN A MONTH LATER ON SEPTEMBER 26TH A BOMB STRAPPED WITH NAILS EXPLODED AT NUTRITION AND COSMETICS COMPANY...SHAKLEE CORPORATION IN PLEASANTON. A GROUP CALLING ITSELF "REVOLUTIONARY CELLS" TOOK

RESPONSIBILITY SAYING THE COMPANIES WERE TARGETED FOR THEIR TIES TO A RESEARCH COMPANY THAT EXPERIMENTED ON ANIMALS. A GRAND JURY INDICTED SAN DIEGO IN 2004 AND A 250 THOUSAND DOLLAR REWARD IS BEING OFFERED FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO HIS ARREST.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/16/11 REPORTED... THE WHITE HOUSE, a CRIME SCENE TODAY AFTER SOMEONE FIRED SHOTS AT IT. THE SECRET SERVICE ANNOUNCED THE ARREST OF 21 YEAR OLD "OSCAR ORTEGA-HERNANDEZ" ... A DRIFTER FROM IDAHO. INVESTIGATORS SPENT THE DAY, GATHERING EVIDENCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE, A DAY AFTER NOTICING AT LEAST TWO BULLETS. ONE HIT BULLET PROOF WINDOW ON THE SECOND FLOOR, NEAR THE PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE. THE FIRST FAMILY WAS TRAVELING AT THE TIME. THE INVESTIGATION STEMS FROM FRIDAY NIGHT, WHEN AGENTS HEARD GUNFIRE. MINUTES LATER, THEY FOUND AN ABANDONED CAR, BELONGING TO ORTEGA-HERNANDEZ, WITH A SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLE INSIDE. THE MOTIVE IS STILL UNKNOWN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/22/11 REPORTED... THE NEW BAY BRIDGE UNDER THE MICROSCOPE AT HEARINGS IN SACRAMENTO THIS WEEK. LAW MAKERS WANT TO KNOW IF IT'S SAFE, AFTER ALLEGATIONS AN INSPECTOR FALSIFIED TEST RESULTS. CONCERN CENTERS AROUND THE CEMENT FOUNDATION ON THE NEW EASTERN SPAN. CALTRANS SAYS INSPECTOR DUANE WILES FALSIFIED INFORMATION N PROJECTS IN ALAMEDA, RIVERSIDE AND LOS ANGELES... HE ALSO WORKED ON THE BAY BRIDGE. NOW, A SENATE COMMITTEE IS WORKING TO FIND OUT IF THIS PROJECT WAS COMPROMISED, AND IF CALTRANS INSPECTION PROCESS IS WORKING THE WAY IT SHOULD. THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SAYS STRUCTURES INSPECTED BY WILES ARE SAFE, INCLUDING THE NEW BAY BRIDGE. BUT THE GROUP THAT OVERSEES EARTHQUAKE PROTECTION FOR CALIFORNIA'S TOLL BRIDGES WANTS AN INDEPENDENT EXPERT TO REVIEW THE FOUNDATION JUST TO BE SURE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/22/11 REPORTED... THE 3 STUDENTS ARE STUDYING ABROAD AT "AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO". POLICE ARRESTED THEM TODAY FOR SETTING-OFF MOLOTOV COCKTAILS DURING THE VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST EGYPT'S INTERIM MILITARY GOVERNMENT. THE STUDENTS ARE ENROLLED AT GEORGETOWN, INDIANA AND DREXEL UNIVERSITIES. NO WORD YET ON BAIL OR POSSIBLE CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS. BECAUSE OF THE VOLATILITY IN THE COUNTRY, THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS URGING AMERICANS TO LEAVE EGYPT. 5 DAYS OF PROTESTS HAVE LEFT NEARLY 30 DEAD AND THOUSANDS INJURED IN-AND-AROUND TAHRIR SQUARE. TODAY, THE MILITARY TRIED TO REASSURE DEMONSTRATORS, SAYING THERE WILL BE A SPEEDY TRANSITION WHEN A NEW PRESIDENT IS CHOSEN IN 20-12. BUT THE PEOPLE WANT THE MILITARY LEADERS TO STEP-DOWN NOW.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/24/11 REPORTED... THE AUTHOR OF THE HARRY POTTER SERIES IS THE LATEST CELEBRITY TO TESTIFY BEFORE A BRITISH INQUIRY INTO MEDIA ETHICS. THE INQUIRY IS PART OF A PARLIAMENTARY PROBE IN RESPONSE TO OUTRAGE OVER BRITAIN'S PHONE HACKING SCANDAL. J-K ROWLING TESTIFIED TODAY THAT JOURNALISTS STAKED OUT HER HOUSE, TRICKED HER HUSBAND INTO GIVING-OUT PERSONAL DETAILS, AND EVEN WENT SO FAR AS TO SLIP A NOTE TO HER, BY PUTTING IT ... IN HER 5-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER'S BOOK BAG. ROWLING ALSO DESCRIBED HOW SHE HAD TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION AFTER ONE OF HER BOOKS WAS STOLEN FROM THE PRINTERS AND ENDED UP IN THE HANDS OF "THE SUN" NEWSPAPER. MEANWHILE, POLICE ANNOUNCED THEIR FIRST ARREST IN A RELATED COMPUTER HACKING PROBE. AND THE INQUIRY ANNOUNCED IT WOULD CALL FORMER BRITISH NEWSPAPER EDITOR AND REALITY T-V JUDGE "PIERS MORGAN" AS A WITNESS

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BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/05/11 REPORTED...

IS IT A COLLOSAL WASTE OF MONEY, OR A VITAL INVESTMENT? THOSE ARE THE COMPETING VIEWS ABOUT THE STATE'S SO-CALLED BULLET TRAIN PROPOSAL. STATE LAWMAKERS TAKING ANOTHER HARD HARD LOOK AT THE PLAN TODAY. THE PRICE TAG SITS SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 99-AND-118-BILLION DOLLARS. IT'S GOING TO LINK THE BAY AREA AND ANAHEIM THROUGH A SERIES OF NEW AND EXISTING TRACKS. THE FIRST STOP IS WHETHER TO OKAY 2-POINT-6-BILLION DOLLARS IN BONDS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS TO START CONSTRUCTION IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY. SUPPORTERS SAY THE PROJECT IS NEEDED FOR JOBS AND A GROWING POPULATION. THE LEGISLATURE WILL VOTE IN THE COMING MONTHS WHETHER TO OKAY MONEY FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PROJECT, IN NEXT YEARS BUDGET.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/06/11 REPORTED... A

MODERN DAY SAN FRANCISCO ICON -- ISN'T GOING DOWN WITHOUT A FIGHT. THE YAHOO BILLBOARD MIGHT LIVE ON. MORE THAN 13- HUNDRED PEOPLE HAVE TAKEN TO FACEBOOK TO HELP SAVE THE ICONIC SIGN.THE BILLBOARD HAS GRACED THE SAN FRANCISCO SKYLINE FOR 12- YEARS THROUGH THE DOT COM BUST AND BEYOND.THE BRIGHT WHIMSICAL SIGN ON THE EASTBOUND APPROACH TO THE BAY BRIDGE WILL BE DOWN AS SOON AS THE SPACE GETS RENTED. YAHOO SAYS IT'S FOCUSING ON NEW AND INNOVATIVE WAYS TO MARKET THE COMPANY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/06/11 REPORTED... IT'S ONLY BEEN ON SALE FOR TWO MONTHS. BUT THE STEVE JOBS BIOGRAPHY IS ALREADY BREAKING RECORDS. THE BOOK IS NOW THE BEST SELLING BOOK OF THE YEAR ON AMAZON -DOT-COM. IT WENT ON SALE ON OCTOBER 24th, LESS THAN THREE WEEKS AFTER JOBS DIED FROM CANCER.THE BOOK DEBUTED AT THE NUMBER ONE SPOT ON THE NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLER LIST AND HAS STAYED THERE SINCE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/08/11 REPORTED...

MOBILE CARRIER A-T-AND-T WANTS TO EXPAND ITS NETWORK IN PALO ALTO, BUT MUST FIRST GET ITS MESSAGE PAST A REVIEW BOARD. THE CITY'S "ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD" MET TODAY TO CONSIDER THE COMPANY'S PLAN TO INSTALL 80 CELLULAR INSTALLATIONS THROUGHOUT PALO ALTO. AN AT&T SPOKESPERSON SAYS THE "DISTRIBUTED ANTENNA SYSTEM" WOULD BE PART OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED IN THE CITY. OPPONENTS SAY THE MANY INSTALLATIONS WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE HEALTH OF CITIZENS -- AMONG OTHER CONCERNS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/13/11 REPORTED...

GOOGLE WANTS TO EXPAND AND IT'S WILLING TO PAY THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW TO DO SO. GOOGLE IS LOOKING TO PAY THE CITY TO HIRE WORKERS TO HANDLE THE COMPANY'S EVER-EXPANDING DEVELOPMENT. TONIGHT AT 6:30, THE CITY WILL TALK ABOUT THE OFFER OF CLOSE TO A QUARTER-OF-A-MILLION DOLLARS TO HIRE A PLANNER AND AN ENGINEER. ONE CITY ADMINISTRATOR ADMITS ITS A BIT UNUSUAL TO PAY UPFRONT, BUT DEVELOPERS ARE OFTEN CHARGED FOR THE COSTS OF PROCESSING PROJECTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/13/11 REPORTED... A PIECE OF APPLE HISTORY SOLD FOR BIG BUCKS TODAY. THE COMPANY'S FOUNDING DOCUMENTS FROM 19-76 WENT ON THE AUCTION BLOCK AT SOTHEBY'S IN NEW YORK . IT WAS SIGNED BY CO-FOUNDERS STEVE JOBS AND STEVE WOZNIAK, AND THE SELLER OF THE CONTRACT, RONALD WAYNE SOTHEBY'S ESTIMATED IT WOULD GO FOR 150-THOUSAND DOLLARS, BUT PRIVATE BIDDERS DROVE-UP THE PRICE TO ONE-POINT-SIX MILLION DOLLARS. AND JUST FOR A LITTLE PERSPECTIVE-- THE FIRST LETTER WRITTEN BY PRESIDENT GEORGE WASHINGTON WENT FOR 362-THOUSAND DOLLARS. THAT'S LESS THAN A-QUARTER OF WHAT THE APPLE DOCUMENT WENT FOR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/16/11 REPORTED... SPEAKING OF THE UNEMPLOYED ... CALIFORNIA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FELL IN NOVEMBER TO ITS LOWEST POINT SINCE MAY OF 2009. THE STATE'S JOBLESS RATE NOW STANDS AT 11-POINT-THREE PERCENT. A LOOK DEEPER REVEALS SOME MIXED NEWS. OVERALL CALIFORNIA ADDED ONLY SOME SIX-THOUSAND NEW JOBS LAST MONTH. ON THE GOOD SIDE THERE WERE 18-THOUSAND NEW JOBS IN TRADE, TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES. ON THE DOWN SIDE, 29-THOUSAND LOST JOBS IN CONSTRUCTION AND BUSINESS SERVICES. THIS NUMBERS REPRESENTS THE SECOND STRAIGHT MONTH OF JOB GROWTH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/19/11 REPORTED... APPLE WINS A SMALL VICTORY IN PATENT COURT OVER GOOGLE'S ANDROID PHONE. THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION RULED TODAY THAT ONE OF TAIWAN BASED HTC'S PHONES CONTAINS PATENT PROTECTED SOFTWARE THAT BELONGS TO APPLE. HTC MANUFACTURES GOOGLE'S ANDROID PHONES--A BIG IPHONE COMPETITOR. APPLE CLAIMED THE COMPANY VIOLATED AT LEAST 10 OF ITS PATENTS. THE COMMISSION HAS IMPOSED A PARTIAL IMPORT BAN ON SOME OF HTC'S PRODUCTS, BUT IT WON'T TAKE EFFECT UNTIL NEXT SPRING...GIVING THE COMPANY PLENTY OF TIME TO WORK AROUND THE PATENT INFRINGEMENT.EXPERTS SAY TODAY'S DECISION WILL CAUSE ABSOLUTELY NO DISRUPTION TO HTC'S BUSINESS.

CONSUMER ISSUES

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/01/11 REPORTED...BURGER KING HAVING IT MCDONALD'S WAY AND JUMPING ON THE MCDONALD'S BANDWAGON WHEN IT COMES TO HAPPY MEALS. THE FAST FOOD CHAIN IS NOW THE SECOND TO ANNOUNCE IT WILL NO LONGER OFFER FREE TOYS IN KIDS MEALS IN SAN FRANCISCO. LIKE MCDONALD'S IT WILL ALSO CHARGE TEN CENTS EXTRA FOR THE PLASTIC TOY.MCDONALD'S IS USING THE MONEY TO BUILD A RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE AT THE NEW U.C.S.F. HOSPITAL, AT MISSION BAY. BURGER KING HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHAT TO DO WITH THE MONEY. THE BAN ON KIDS MEAL TOYS WENT INTO EFFECT TODAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/01/11 REPORTED... BART APPROVED A NEW CELL PHONE POLICY THAT WOULD ALLOW THE TRANSIT AGENCY TO JAM CELL SERVICE IN THE EVENT OF "EXTRAORDINARY THREATS." THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MADE THE DECISION THIS MORNING. THE MOVE HAS FREE SPEECH ACTIVISTS UPSET, BUT BART OFFICIALS SAY IT'S A MATTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY. THE BOARD DRAFTED THE POLICY AFTER THE AGENCY WAS BLASTED FOR SHUTTING OFF CELL SERVICE TO DIVERT A PROTEST IN AUGUST.UNDER THE NEW POLICY THE AGENCY WOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO SHUT OFF SERVICE IN A "9-11 TYPE" OF EVENT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/02/11 REPORTED... IF YOU BOUGHT A TICKET THROUGH "TICKETMASTER" IN THE LAST 12 YEARS, YOU MAY SOON RECEIVE A SMALL REFUND. A CLASS-ACTION LAWSUIT CLAIMS TICKETMASTER'S PROCESSING FEES ARE "EXCESSIVE AND DECEPTIVE.""UPS EXPEDITED DELIVERY PRICES" ARE ALSO A TARGET OF THE LAWSUIT. IF A JUDGE APPROVES A PROPOSED SETTLEMENT,

TICKET BUYERS COULD RECEIVE UP TO A DOLLAR FIFTY FOR EVERY TICKET BOUGHT -- UP TO 17 TICKET ORDERS. FANS WHO HAD TICKETS SHIPPED THROUGH UPS MAY GET 5-BUCKS A TICKET.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/06/11 REPORTED... U-C BERKELEY CAN LOOK FORWARD TO BETTER CELL RECEPTION AND FASTER INTERNET ON CAMPUS. TODAY A-T AND T ANNOUNCED PLANS TO MAKE ADDITIONAL WI-FI HOT SPOTS ON CAMPUS AND IMPROVE IT'S CELL NETWORK IN THE AREA. AT&T CUSTOMERS WILL BE ABLE TO USE THE HOT SPOTS FOR FREE. U-C BERKELEY WILL KEEP ITS WIRELESS NETWORK "AIRBEARS" FREE FOR STUDENTS, FACULTY AND GUESTS. IMPROVEMENTS IN WIRELESS AND CELL SERVICE ... HAVE ALREADY BEGUN. HE UPGRADES ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN TWO TO THREE YEARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/13/11 REPORTED... IN LESS THAN AN HOUR, THE SANTA CLARA CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET TO APPROVE KEY PARTS OF THE 49ERS MOVE TO THE SOUTH BAY. MEANWHILE, SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR ED LEE SAYS UNLESS THE CITY CAN COME UP WITH 400 MILLION DOLLARS, THE TEAM WILL LIKELY MOVE. LEE SAYS THAT'S HOW MUCH MONEY IS NEEDED FOR A LAST DITCH PLAN TO BUILD THE NINERS A NEW STADIUM AT HUNTER'S POINT. THE SANTA CLARA CITY COUNCIL MEETING GETS UNDERWAY AT CITY HALL AT 7 P-M. WE'LL HAVE A COMPLETE WRAP UP TONIGHT AT 11.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/19/11 REPORTED... WITH ONLY SIX DAYS LEFT UNTIL CHRISTMAS, PEOPLE ARE FLOCKING TO BAY AREA POST OFFICES TODAY TO GET THEIR GIFTS MAILED ON TIME. THE POSTAL SERVICE EXPECTS TODAY TO BE IT'S BUSIEST MAILING DAY OF THE YEAR. TO EASE TODAY'S HOLIDAY RUSH, FOUR POST OFFICES IN SAN FRANCISCO STAYED OPEN ON SUNDAY, BUT PEOPLE STILL LINED UP TO MAIL GIFTS THIS MORNING THERE. THE POSTAL SERVICE SAY'S IT WILL PROCESS MORE THAN 800-MILLION LETTERS AND PACKAGES TODAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/22/11 REPORTED... THE COST OF THE MOST COMMONLY USED 64-GALLON RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE AND RECYCLING BINS WILL RISE FROM 28 DOLLARS AND 16 CENTS TO 30 DOLLARS AND 84 CENTS -- A HIKE OF ABOUT 9.5 PERCENT. RESIDENTS WILL SEE SIMILAR INCREASES ACROSS THE BOARD -- FROM \$25.18 TO \$27.59 FOR A 20-GALLON BIN; FROM \$25.71 TO \$28.17 FOR A 32-GALLON BIN; AND FROM \$41.44 TO \$45.27 FOR A 96-GALLON BIN. APARTMENT UNITS AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS WILL SEE THEIR RATES INCREASE BETWEEN 8.6 PERCENT AND 9.8 PERCENT, DEPENDING ON THE TYPE OF SERVICE. THE CITY COUCIL APPROVED THE RATES EARLIER THIS WEEK. THE NEW RATES WILL GO INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY FIRST AND LAST TWO YEARS. DEPSITE THE RAISE, MOST OF THE CITY'S SOLID WASTE COLLECTION RATES ARE STILL BELOW THE COUNTY AVERAGE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/23/11 REPORTED... AN UPDATE NOW ON A STORY WE FIRST BROUGHT YOU LAST MONTH. H-P SAYS IT HAS A FIX TO KEEP HACKERS OUT OF ITS PRINTERS AND FROM STEALING PEOPLE'S PRIVATE INFORMATION. HEWLETT PACKARD RELEASED A *FIRMWARE* UPDATE DOWNLOADABLE ON THEIR WEBSITE -- THAT IS INTENDED TO FIX THE PROBLEM. THE TECH-GIANT ALSO ISSUED A STATEMENT SAYING THAT NO CUSTOMERS HAVE REPORTED UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS TO THEIR LASERJET PRINTERS. BUT RESEARCHERS SAY -- IF A PRINTER HAS ALREADY BEEN HACKED -- THE FIRMWARE WILL BE INEFFECTIVE.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY, ELDERLY, MEN & WOMEN

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/06/11 REPORTED...

THERE ARE ELVES IN THE SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY P.D AND THIS IS THE 20TH YEAR THEY'VE MADE SURE NEEDY FAMILIES AROUND THE CAMPUS HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY. STUDENTS, FACULTY AND OTHER STAFF HAVE BEEN DONATING TOYS FOR KIDS UP TO AGE 14. THEY ARE ALSO DONATING MONEY. DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT IN THE UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT LOBBY.THERE WILL BE A WRAPPING PARTY ON DECEMBER 14, AND THE POLICE WILL CARAVAN TO DELIVER IT ALL ON DECEMBER 17.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/09/11 REPORTED...

AFTER AN 11-DAY STRUGGLE TO SURVIVE, AN OAKLAND TODDLER HAS DIED. 23-MONTH OLD *HIRAM LAWRENCE* SPENT THE LAST WEEK OF HIS LIFE WITH A MACHINE BREATHING FOR HIM AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. HIS FAMILY TURNED OFF THE LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT AT MIDDAY, AND HIRAM DIED A COUPLE HOURS AGO. HE WAS SHOT WHILE IN HIS FATHER'S ARMS, AS BYSTANDERS WATCHED THE FILMING OF A RAP VIDEO, OUTSIDE A WEST OAKLAND LIQUOR STORE. SIX OTHERS WERE INJURED BY THE GUNFIRE. POLICE SAY THEY'RE QUESTIONING AT LEAST 5 "PERSONS OF INTEREST." BUT HAVE MADE NO ARRESTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/12/11 REPORTED...

MOMS WHO CONTINUE TO WORK WHILE RAISING THEIR CHILDREN MAY BE HEALTHIER AND HAPPIER. RESEARCHERS SAY STAY AT HOME MOMS ARE MORE LIKELY TO FEEL SOCIALLY ISOLATED AND HAVE HIGHER STRESS LEVELS BECAUSE THEY'RE HOME WITH THE KIDS ALL DAY.THERE WAS NO REPORTED DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE HEALTH OF WOMEN WHO WORKED PART TIME VERSUS FULL TIME. YOU CAN READ THE STUDY IN THIS MONTH'S JOURNAL OF FAMILY PSYCHOLOGY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/12/11 REPORTED...

KIDS AND ANIMALS ARE A NATURAL COMBINATION. BUT WHEN A CHILD IS SICK OR INJURED, SOMETIMES IT'S A HUGE ENDEAVOR TO GET THEM TOGETHER. HEADS TURNED IN THE EAST BAY TODAY WHEN "BLACKIE" AND "WINDY" JINGLED THEIR WAY THROUGH "GEORGE MARK CHILDREN'S HOUSE" IN SAN LEANDRO.THE PAIR OF MINIATURE HORSES ARE ACTUALLY LONGTIME THERAPY ANIMALS *AND* FREQUENT VISITORS TO THE CHILDREN'S RECOVERY CENTER. THEY EASILY NAVIGATE THE HALLWAYS AND NURSING STATIONS, AND HAVE A BEDSIDE MANNER SOME DOCTORS MIGHT ENVY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/13/11 REPORTED...

OFTEN TIMES DURING HOLIDAY TOY DRIVES, OLDER KIDS GET OVERLOOKED.DONATED TOYS TEND TO BE MORE FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN...SO TWO LOCAL BUSINESSMEN ARE DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT. THREE YEARS AGO SAN FRANCISCANS RICK TEED AND BUTCH HAZE DECIDED TO GATHER DONATIONS FROM FRIENDS AND BUSINESSES. TO HELP BUY TOYS FOR KIDS RANGING FROM EIGHT TO 16 YEARS OLD. THEY CALL THE EFFORT 'DIG DEEP S-F', AND THIS YEAR THEY RAISED NEARLY 60-THOUSAND DOLLARS. THE MONEY WAS USED TO BUY ITEMS LIKE I-PODS, SPORTS JERSEYS AND CAMERAS. ALL OF THE MERCHANDISE IS THEN HANDED OVER TO THE SALVATION ARMY TO DISTRIBUTE TO KIDS THAT WILL SURELY ENJOY IT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/14/11 REPORTED...

700 HUNDRED DOLLARS IN MUCH-NEEDED DONATIONS GONE. A VALLEJO MIDDLE SCHOOL WAS ROBBED DURING A HOLIDAY CONCERT, EARLIER THIS WEEK. A SCHOOL DISTRICT SPOKESWOMAN SAID FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL WAS HAVING THEIR ANNUAL MUSICAL CELEBRATION, WHEN FOUR MEN GRABBED THE CASH BOX AND RAN FROM THE SCHOOL. THE EVENT IS ONE OF THE SCHOOL'S BIGGEST FUNDRAISERS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/14/11 REPORTED... FORGET THE SLEIGHS.. FIVE LUCKY ANTIOCH FAMILIES ARE SEEING CARS GLIDING INTO THEIR DRIVERWAYS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS, MIKE ROSE'S AUTOBODY BENEVOLENCE PROGRAM IN ANTIOCH HAS FOUND CARS FOR FAMILIES WHO ARE WORKING AT BECOMING INDEPENDENT. EVERYTHING IS DONATED, THE CARS, PAINT, THE TIRES, A COMPLETE INSPECTION OF THE CAR PARTS, AND 6 MONTHS OF INSURANCE. THE FAMILIES WERE FOUND ... AFTER THEIR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WROTE AND SENT-IN LETTERS, INFORMING THE SHOP ABOUT THEIR HARDSHIPS. THERE ARE EVEN WHEELS FOR THE KIDS--BIKES DONATED BY THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT. MORE THAN 25 FAMILIES HAVE BENEFITED FROM THE CAR PROGRAM OVER THE PAST DECADE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/14/11 REPORTED... NOT ALL OF THE TOYS DESTINED FOR NEEDY CHILDREN THIS YEAR WERE PURCHASED IN STORES. SOME ARE HAND-MADE-- BUILT TO A HIGH QUALITY, AND MADE WITH LOVE -- EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE ASSEMBLED BEHIND BARS.FOR THE 11TH STRAIGHT YEAR, PRISONERS AT THE *ELMWOOD CORRECTIONAL FACILITY* IN MILPITAS TURNED THEIR WOOD-SHOP INTO SANTA'S WORKSHOP.

THEY MADE HUNDREDS OF WOODEN PUZZLES, ROCKING HORSES, AND PULL TOYS -- ALL BOUND FOR THE MARINES' *TOYS FOR TOTS* PROGRAM. FOR SOME OF THE MEN, THE WOODSHOP IS A PLACE TO LEARN AND PRACTICE NEW SKILLS WHICH CAN BE USED ON THE OUTSIDE.OVER THE PAST ELEVEN-YEARS, INMATES HAVE CREATED NEARLY THREE-THOUSAND TOYS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/23/11 REPORTED... THOUSANDS OF GRAVE MARKERS AT THE COUNTRY'S MOST PROMINENT MILITARY CEMETARY MAY BE MISPLACED OR MISIDENTIFIED. THE ARMY RELEASED A YEAR LONG REPORT THAT SHOWS THERE COULD BE DISCREPENCIES BETWEEN HEADSTONES AND PAPERWORK WITH AN ESTIMATED 64-THOUSAND MARKERS AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETARY. THAT'S ABOUT ONE IN EVERY FOUR GRAVESTONES. THE CEMETARY SAYS PROBLEMS LIKE CIVIL-WAR ERA LOGS, ILLEGIBLE PAPERWORK AND CHANGES IN BURIAL PROCEDURES COULD BE TO BLAME. THE ARMY AND OUTSIDE ANALYSTS PLAN TO REVIEW EVERY QUESTIONABLE CASE. THOSE REVIEWS ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETE BY THE NEXT SUMMER.

CRIMES-FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL, LAW & LAW ENFORCEMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/01/11 REPORTED...GROCERY STORE SURVEILLANCE-VIDEO MAY BE THE KEY TO SOLVING A HATE CRIME IN EAST SAN JOSE. A 32-YEAR OLD MAN SAYS HE WAS LEAVING A SUPERMARKET ON WHITE AND ABORN ROADS LAST WEEK WHEN HE WAS ASSAULTED BY A GROUP OF MEN IN HOODIES WHO BEAT HIM, STRUCK HIM WITH A TEQUILA BOTTLE, SPIT ON HIM, AND CALLED HIM A TERRORIST. THE MAN CAME TO THE U-S FROM INDIA AS A child AND WORKS AS AN INDUSTRIAL DESIGNER. THE MERCURY NEWS REPORTS THE MAN IS RECOVERING FROM JAW SURGERY, AND THAT SIX-TEETH WERE KNOCKED OUT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/01/11 REPORTED... TWO FORMER SAN MATEO COUNTY EMPLOYEES ARE THE TARGET OF A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION.THIS AFTER QUESTIONS WERE RAISED ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THE COUNTY WAS SPENDING ON PESTICIDES. ADMINISTRATORS ORDERED AN AUDIT. ONE WORKER WAS THEN FIRED AND THE OTHER RESIGNED, ACCORDING TO THE BAY AREA NEWSGROUP. THE MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT SAYS MORE THAN \$600 THOUSAND DOLLARS WAS STOLEN AND DIVERTED THROUGH FORGED DOCUMENTS. THE COUNTY SAYS IT ADOPTED BUDGETARY SAFEGUARDS TO PREVENT THEFTS FROM HAPPENING IN THE FUTURE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/06/11 REPORTED... A PAROLEE IS BEHIND BARS TONIGHT - ACCUSED IN A WALNUT CREEK SHOPLIFTING MELEE. TWO SHOPPERS ENDED UP BEING PEPPER SPRAYED BY FLEEING SUSPECTS. POLICE SAY "ROGER MOSS" - ON THE FAR LEFT - AND TWO OTHER PEOPLE TRIED TO RUN OUT OF THE BROADWAY PLAZA. NORDSTROM STORE WITH TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF HAND-BAGS SATURDAY. INVESTIGATORS SAY A SECOND SUSPECT - BRYAN BLACK - PEPPER SPRAYED TWO GOOD SAMARITAN SHOPPERS WHO TRIED TO STOP MOSS. POLICE ARRESTED BLACK AT THE SCENE. THEY SAY A TIP LED THEM TO A CAR RENTAL AT OAKLAND AIRPORT ON MONDAY - WHERE THEY ARRESTED MOSS WHEN HE RETURNED THE ALLEGED "GETAWAY CAR". DETECTIVES SAY THEY FOUND FAKE PAPER LICENSE PLATES THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN USED IN THE SHOPLIFTING IN THE CAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/06/11 REPORTED... THIS STORY IS JUST UNFOLDING TONIGHT. THE SANTA CLARA D.A.'S OFFICE SAYS ITS BUSTED A MONEY LAUNDERING RING IN THE COUNTY JAIL. INMATES ARE ACCUSED OF USING THEIR JAIL ACCOUNTS AS PART OF THE SCAM. AT LEAST A DOZEN PEOPLE ARE BEING CHARGED WITH 36 COUNTS IN THE CASE. INMATE DAREN VOLK AND 7 OTHER INMATES WORKED WITH PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE ELMWOOD JAIL TO STEAL CREDIT CARDS AND AUTHORIZE DEPOSITS INTO THEIR JAIL ACCOUNTS. THERE ARE AT LEAST 34 VICTIMS WHO LOST MORE THAN \$17,000. INMATES WERE ABLE TO PULL THIS OFF WITH A SMUGGLED CELL PHONE. VOLK WAS IN FOR COUNTERFEITING CREDIT CARDS. HE FACES AN ADDITIONAL 25 YEARS IN JAIL ... WITH THE NEW CHARGES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/07/11 REPORTED... IN SAN FRANCISCO A FORMER CRIME LAB TECHNICIAN ENTERS A "NOT GUILTY" PLEA TO SKIMMING COCAINE FROM POLICE EVIDENCE. DEBORAH MADDEN REMAINED SILENT AS HER ATTORNEY ENTERED THE PLEA ON HER BEHALF DURING TODAY'S ARRAIGNMENT. THE RETIRED CIVILIAN LAB TECH FACES A FEDERAL CHARGE WHICH CARRIES A MAXIMUM 4-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE. MADDEN ADMITTED TO TAKING SMALL AMOUNTS OF COCAINE IN 2009, BUT STATE PROSECUTORS NEVER FILED CHARGES DUE TO A LACK OF EVIDENCE. A FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTED THE SAN MATEO WOMAN LAST WEEK. MADDEN'S ATTORNEY SAYS THE NEW FEDERAL CHARGE DOESN'T APPLY TO THE CASE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/08/11 REPORTED... A FORMER FRY'S ELECTRONICS EXECUTIVE WAS SENTENCED TODAY TO 6-YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR STEALING MONEY FROM THE COMPANY AND USING IT TO FINANCE HIS GAMBLING HABIT. 44-YEAR OLD UMAR SIDDIQUI WAS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF MERCHANDISING AND OPERATIONS FOR FRY'S IN SAN JOSE. HE PLEADED GUILTY EARLIER THIS YEAR TO STEALING AT LEAST 65 MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE ICONIC SILICON VALLEY CHAIN STORE. SIDDIQUI HAD BEEN GROOMED BY THE FRY BROTHERS IN THE COMPANY SINCE 1988.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/12/11 REPORTED... A MAN, CONVICTED OF POSING AS A UTILITY WORKER TO KILL A SAN FRANCISCO WOMAN, WILL SERVE 50 TO LIFE FOR THE CRIME. A JUDGE SENTENCED GARY SCOTT HOLLAND TODAY, WHO WAIVED HIS RIGHT TO APPEAL THAT SENTENCE. HOLLAND KILLED 46-YEAR OLD PUBLICIST KATHLEEN HORAN IN HER RUSSIAN HILL HOME LAST OCTOBER. HOLLAND POSED AS A P-G-AND-E WORKER TO GET INTO HER APARTMENT. HE CONFESSED TO THE MURDER LAST MONTH IN A PLEA DEAL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/19/11 REPORTED... A FORMER DANVILLE PATROL OFFICER ALLEGEDLY TOOK COCAINE AND A GUN FROM A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR IN EXCHANGE FOR D.U.I. ARRESTS. STEPHEN TANABE FACES FOUR FEDERAL FELONY COUNTS. THE MEN HE ARRESTED WERE ALL INVOLVED IN DIVORCE, CUSTODY OR OTHER FAMILY DISPUTES. THE INDICTMENT SAYS TANABE WAS PAID BY

PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR CHRIS BUTLER TO PULL THE MEN OVER, AFTER THEY HAD BEEN LURED INTO DRINKING BY DECOY WOMEN IN LOCAL BARS. TANABE'S POLICE REPORTS CLAIMED HE WAS ON ROUTINE PATROL WHEN HE CROSSED PATHS WITH THE DRUNK DRIVERS. HE PLEADED NOT GUILTY AND IS FREE ON BAIL. EACH COUNT CARRIES A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF 20 YEARS IN PRISON AND A \$250,000 FINE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/19/11 REPORTED... THE OXNARD MIDDLE SCHOOLER, WHO SHOT AND KILLED HIS GAY CLASSMATE THREE YEARS AGO, WAS SENTENCED TO 21 YEARS IN PRISON TODAY. 17-YEAR-OLD BRANDON MC'INERNEY WAS 14 YEARS OLD WHEN HE PULLED-out A GUN from HIS BACKPACK AND SHOT LARRY KING IN THE BACK OF THE HEAD, TWICE. KING, WHO WAS ADOPTED AND HAD BEEN LIVING IN A GROUP HOME, WAS STRUGGLING WITH HIS SEXUAL IDENTITY. HE SOMETIMES MADE OVERATURES TO OTHER BOYS, INCLUDING MCINERNEY. MCINERNEY PLEADED GUILTY TO SECOND-DEGREE MURDER AND VOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER AFTER THE JUDGE DECLARED A MISTRIAL IN HIS FIRST TRIAL.

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NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/01/11 REPORTED... PEOPLE HERE IN THE BAY AREA, AND AROUND THE WORLD - ARE WEARING RED RIBBONS, COMMEMORATING "WORLD AIDS DAY." IT HAS BEEN 30 YEARS SINCE THE FIRST RECORDED CASE OF AIDS. PRESIDENT OBAMA MARKED THE OCCASION THIS MORNING, IN WASHINGTON, D.C. BY SETTING NEW GOALS TO FIGHT THE DISEASE. OBAMA IS DIRECTING 50- MILLION DOLLARS IN NEW SPENDING ON TREATMENT HERE IN THE U.S. IN LOS ANGELES, BASKETBALL LEGEND MAGIC JOHNSON ANNOUNCED HE PLANS TO OPEN NEW CLINICS TO HELP IN THE FIGHT AGAINST H-I-V AND AIDS. 20- YEARS AGO HE BECAME ONE OF THE FACES OF THE DISEASE, AFTER ANNOUNCING HE WAS H-I-V POSITIVE AND RETIRING FROM THE NBA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/05/11 REPORTED... FROM THE BIG SCREEN- TO THE REALLY SMALL SCREEN. A NEW PHONE-APP HELPS YOU EXPLORE THE HOT SPOTS THAT HAVE MADE THE BAY AREA A STAR IN SOME OF HOLLYWOOD'S MOST POPULAR FILMS. "S-F FILM SPOTS" ALLOWS USERS TO CHECK OUT THE MORE THAN 230-FILMS SHOT AT MORE THAN EIGHT-HUNDRED LOCATIONS THROUGH AN INTERACTIVE MAP. YOU CAN SEE WHERE SEAN PENN CHanneled ACTIVIST HARVEY MILK AND LEAD HIS FAMOUS MARCH TO CITY HALL ALONG THE WAY, PASSING THE STREETS WHICH STEVE MCQUEEN SPED ALONG IN BULLITT. THE MOBILE-APP COSTS TWO-99. JUST BE CAREFUL YOU DON'T FOLLOW KIM NOVAK INTO THE COLD WATERS OFF FORT POINT, WHERE SHE FAMOUSLY FELL IN ALFRED HITCHCOCK'S CLASSIC, VERTIGO.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/08/11 REPORTED... THE KEY TO A SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE.. IT'S NOT MONEY OR EVEN INTIMACY.. IT'S GENEROSITY. RESEARCHERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA STUDIED THE MARRIAGES OF 28 HUNDRED PEOPLE. THEY FOUND THOSE WHO GAVE THINGS TO THEIR SPOUSE FREELY AND ABUNDANTLY WERE FAR MORE LIKELY TO BE HAPPY IN THEIR RELATIONSHIPS. NOW WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT MATERIAL THINGS HERE.. BUT SIMPLY MAKING YOUR SPOUSE COFFEE IN THE MORNING, OR BEING WILLING TO FORGIVE EASILY, OR GIVING AFFECTION REGULARLY. RESEARCHERS SAY SUCCESSFUL COUPLES SAY OR DO AT LEAST FIVE POSITIVE THINGS FOR EACH NEGATIVE INTERACTION WITH THEIR PARTNER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/09/11 REPORTED... OAKLAND MAYOR JEAN QUAN REVEALED THE CITY IS WORKING ON KEEPING THE A'S WITH A NEW SPORTS VILLAGE THAT WOULD INCLUDE A NEW BALLPARK. ONE PROPOSAL WOULD GIVE THE COLLESIUM A FACELIFT OF SORTS. IT WOULD TURN IT INTO A COMPLEX WITH NEW FACILITIES FOR THE A'S, WARRIORS AND THE RAIDERS. IT WOULD BE NAMED

"COLISEUM CITY". OAKLAND OFFICIALS SAY 6-COMPANIES ALREADY SUBMITTED PLANS IN RESPONSE TO THE CITY'S PROPOSAL. A'S OWNER LEW WOLFF FORMALLY ASKED MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TO ALLOW THE TEAM TO MOVE TO A SITE NEAR DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE. BUT THAT MOVE IS STILL "UP IN THE AIR" BECAUSE THE GIANTS RETAIN TERRITORIAL RIGHTS TO THE SOUTH BAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/12/11 REPORTED... WITH CHRISTMAS LESS THAN TWO WEEKS AWAY, A LOCAL CHARITY IS FINDING ITSELF IN DESPERATE NEED OF HELP. SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK IS EXTREMELY SHORT ON CASH AND FOOD DONATIONS. ORGANIZERS SAYS THEY RECEIVED ABOUT 25 PERCENT OF THEIR GOAL SO FAR, WHEN IT COMES TO FINANCIAL DONATIONS. SECOND HARVEST CAN TURN A DOLLAR DONATION INTO TWO MEALS FOR THOSE IN NEED. YOU CAN HELP OUT BY STOPPING BY DROP-OFF LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE BAY AREA, OR AT SAFEWAY SUPERMARKETS. THE FOOD BANK HELPS FEED 250-THOUSAND PEOPLE A MONTH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/12/11 REPORTED... MIA FARROW, RUSSEL SIMMONS AND SOME CALIFORNIA LAWMAKERS ARE AMONG THOSE WHO ARE CALLING FOR A BOYCOTT OF LOWES TONIGHT. A BIG HOME IMPROVEMENT CHAIN IS NOW FACING A BACKLASH AFTER THEY PULLED ADS FROM A REALITY SHOW ABOUT AMERICAN MUSLIMS. AND ONE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SENATOR IS PUSHING FOR A BOYCOTT. STATE SENATOR TED LIEU WANTS LOWE'S TO APOLOGIZE FOR WHAT HE CALLS "NAKED RELIGIOUS BIGOTRY" AND RETURN ITS ADVERTISING TO THE PROGRAM ON THE T-L-C CABLE NETWORK. LOWE'S ISSUED TWO STATEMENTS ON SUNDAY, ONE APOLOGIZING FOR MAKING "SOME PEOPLE VERY UNHAPPY" AND THE OTHER TO SAY THE RETAILER HAS ASKED TO MEET WITH SENATOR LIEU.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/14/11 REPORTED... A SMALL CHRISTMAS TREE IN SAN FRANCISCO'S CIVIC CENTER IS TEACHING A LESSON IN COMMUNITY TOGETHERNESS. THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE IS THE IDEA OF WAYNE STANDERWICK EVERY YEAR HE ORGANIZES SCHOOL KIDS FROM SAN FRANCISCO AND AROUND THE WORLD TO MAKE ORNAMENTS AND DECORATE THE TREE. STANDERWICK CALLS IT A GIFT TO THE CITY. IN A WEEK... THE ORNAMENTS WILL BE DONATED TO HOSPITALS AND SENIOR HOMES AROUND THE BAY AREA. SEVERAL YEARS AGO, THE TREE AND ORNAMENTS WERE STOLEN. STANDERWICK... NOW PADLOCKS THE TREE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/14/11 REPORTED... A NEW FOOT RACE IN SAN JOSE WILL HELP BENEFIT THE PAT TILLMAN FOUNDATION. IT'S CALLED THE "SAN JOSE 408K". IT'S AN 8- KILOMETER RUN THAT WILL BE HELD IN MARCH. RUNNERS WILL START IN DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE AND END-UP AT SANTANA ROW. TILLMAN ATTENDED LELAND HIGH SCHOOL AND GAVE-UP HIS N-F-L CAREER WITH THE ARIZONA CARDINALS, SOON AFTER THE 9-11 ATTACKS, TO ENLIST IN THE ARMY. HE WAS KILLED TWO YEARS LATER IN AFGHANISTAN BY FRIENDLY FIRE. THE FOUNDATION HELPS VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES WITH EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/19/11 REPORTED... A WORLD-RECORD CABLE LAYING JOB WILL BEGIN THIS WEEK ON THE NEW SPAN OF THE BAY BRIDGE. CONSTRUCTION WORKERS ARE LAYING THE FIRST OF MORE THAN 100 STRANDS OF CABLE THAT WILL MAKE UP THE SUSPENSION SPAN. EACH STRAND WILL BE PULLED FROM THE EAST SIDE OF THE BRIDGE UP TO THE TOP OF THE 525 FOOT TOWER, LOOPED OVER THE WEST END OF THE SPAN, AND THEN DRAGGED BACK OVER THE TOWER TO THE EAST END. EACH ONE OF THE CABLE STRANDS WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO DAYS TO INSTALL. ONCE IT IS DONE ... THE COMPLETED CABLE WILL STRETCH FOR NEARLY A MILE. IT WILL BE THE LONGEST LOOPED SUSPENSION CABLE IN THE WORLD. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THE CONSTRUCTION AS YOU DRIVE ACROSS THE BRIDGE - BUT OFFICIALS ARE ASKING DRIVERS TO KEEP THEIR EYES ON THE ROAD.

EDUCATION

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/01/11 REPORTED... ANGRY PARENTS MADE A LAST-STAND THIS WEEK IN PALO ALTO, TRYING TO DISSUADE SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEES FROM CHANGING THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR. BACK IN MAY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVED A CHANGE TO MOVE-UP THE SCHOOL YEAR BY TWO-WEEKS AND HOLD FINALS BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS-- OR WINTER-- BREAK. BEFORE, STUDENTS WOULD RETURN IN JANUARY AND TAKE FINALS THEN. SOME PARENTS WORRY THAT LOADING FINAL EXAMS INTO A MONTH FILLED WITH HOLIDAY CONCERTS, PARTIES, AND RELIGIOUS OBLIGATIONS WOULD BE TOO STRESSFUL. THE CHANGE IS SCHEDULED TO START NEXT AUGUST. MANY BAY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAVE ALREADY MADE THE SWITCH TO PRE-HOLIDAY FINALS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/08/11 REPORTED... A SCATHING AUDIT SHOWS CALIFORNIA ISN'T INSPECTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOLS, AS ORDERED BY LAW. THE REPORT FOUND NEARLY A-QUARTER OF SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FINISHED OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS WERE NEVER CERTIFIED AS *SAFE* BY STATE INSPECTORS-- AND THAT SOME 16-THOUSAND PROJECTS REMAIN UNCERTIFIED. OF COURSE, LOCAL BUILDING CODES APPLY WHENEVER A SCHOOL IS BUILT, BUT A LAW PASSED AFTER THE 1933 LONG BEACH EARTHQUAKE MANDATES THAT STATE INSPECTORS CERTIFY AND MONITOR CONSTRUCTION. THE AUDIT ALSO FOUND THAT PROJECT INSPECTORS ARE NOT ALWAYS ADEQUATELY TRAINED, AND ARE BEHIND ON THEIR EXAMS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/12/11 REPORTED... IN THE EAST BAY CONCERNED PARENTS ARE MEETING WITH SCHOOL OFFICIALS IN CLAYTON FOLLOWING THE ARREST OF A MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER ACCUSED OF HAVING A SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH A STUDENT. DIABLO VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER ANDREW COTTRELL REMAINS IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY JAIL FOLLOWING HIS ARREST FRIDAY. TONIGHT, OFFICIALS WITH THE "MOUNT DIABLO SCHOOL DISTRICT" ARE MEETING WITH PARENTS TO DISCUSS THE ARREST. THE 41-YEAR-OLD MATH AND SCIENCE TEACHER IS ACCUSED OF MULTIPLE OFFENSES INVOLVING A STUDENT UNDER THE AGE OF 16. PROSECUTORS ARE EXPECTED TO FILE FORMAL CHARGES AGAINST COTTRELL THIS WEEK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/14/11 REPORTED... EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN CALIFORNIA IS ASKING THE SAME QUESTION TONIGHT-- HOW WILL WE PAY FOR TRANSPORTATION, NOW THAT STATE MONEY FOR IT HAS BEEN CUT? GOVERNOR BROWN YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED SO-CALLED *TRIGGER CUTS* WILL FORCE THE ELIMINATION OF 248-MILLION DOLLARS FOR BUSING-- STARTING NEXT MONTH. SAN JOSE'S ALUM ROCK SCHOOLS -- LIKE ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS-- HAVE A *FEDERAL MANDATE* TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR SPECIAL-ED STUDENTS. SO WITH OR WITHOUT THE MONEY, THE BUSES HAVE TO RUN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/14/11 REPORTED... NOVATO OFFICIALS HAVE BANNED ICE CREAM TRUCKS NEAR SCHOOLS. TRUCKS WILL NO LONGER BE ALLOWED WITHIN 15-HUNDRED FEET OF ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE K-THROUGH-12 SCHOOLS. NUTRITION ADVOCATES FIRST RAISED CONCERN ABOUT THE TRUCKS OVER SIX YEARS AGO...AND SAFETY FINALLY LED OFFICIALS TO APPROVE THE BAN. KIDS WOULD REPORTEDLY DART INTO THE STREET TRYING TO GET TO THE TRUCKS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/19/11 REPORTED... WOMEN OUTNUMBER MEN IN A BIG WAY IN THE CAL STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. 6 OUT OF 10 CSU GRADUATES LAST SPRING WERE WOMEN. THAT'S A COMPLETE REVERSAL IN 4

DECADES. RESEARCHERS CITE SEVERAL REASONS WHY. WOMEN TEND TO HAVE HIGHER GRADES AND TEST SCORES. MEN TEND TO DROP OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL IN DISPROPORTIONATE NUMBERS; AND WOMEN RECOGNIZE THEY NEED A COLLEGE DEGREE TO APPROACH PAY EQUITY WITH MEN. THE GOOD NEWS IS BOTH MEN AND WOMEN ARE ATTENDING COLLEGE IN HIGHER NUMBERS. APPLICATIONS TO ATTEND CSU NEXT FALL HAVE SURGED.

ENVIRONMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/01/11 REPORTED... NBC BAY AREA REPORTED THAT... GUSTY WINDS CONTINUE TO POUND THE ENTIRE BAY AREA TONIGHT. THE FIERCE WINDS BROUGHT DOWN POWER LINES AND TOPPLED OVER TREES TODAY. IN CAMPBELL, A GIANT CHINESE ELM FELL INTO A HOUSE ON SOBRATO LANE. THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THIS HOUSE SAY THE WHOLE HOUSE JOLTED WHEN THE TREE CAME DOWN. THE FAMILY SAYS THEY HAD PART OF THE TREE REMOVED IN OCTOBER. THE REST CAME DOWN LAST NIGHT. THE HIGH WINDS PROVED TO BE A HUGE CHALLENGE FOR "P-G AND E" CREWS, AS THE WINDS KNOCKED OUT POWER TO PEOPLE ACROSS THE BAY. IN THE SOUTH BAY, ABOUT ONE THOUSAND ARE STILL DARK. RIGHT NOW, MORE THAN 25-THOUSAND HOMES IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY ARE STILL WITHOUT POWER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/02/11 REPORTED... THE NEW TERMINAL AT S-F-O IS GETTING A NEW DISTINCTION TODAY... AND AN AWARD-WINNING ONE AT THAT. THE U-S GREEN BUSINESS COUNCIL AWARDED GOLD STATUS TO THE 383 MILLION DOLLAR TERMINAL BECAUSE OF ITS MANY ATTRIBUTES SUPPORTING GREEN BUILDING PRACTICES. IT'S THE FIRST AIRPORT FACILITY IN THE NATION TO RECEIVE IT. "TERMINAL 2" OPENED IN APRIL... AND IS 15 PERCENT MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT THAN CALIFORNIA'S BUILDING CODES REQUIRE. FOR EXAMPLE... ALL WATER USED IN THE TERMINAL'S RESTROOMS IS RECLAIMED. ALL OF THE CONTAINERS AND PACKAGING USED BY THE TERMINAL'S ORGANIC AND LOCAL FOOD VENDORS MUST BE MADE FROM RECYCLED MATERIALS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/05/11 REPORTED... THE RECYCLING POLICE IS COULD'S OON BE COMING TO A CAN NEAR YOU. ALAMEDA COUNTY IS CONSIDERING MAKING RECYCLING MANDATORY. IF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY PROPOSAL GOES THROUGH... VIOLATORS COULD BE FINED UP TO ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR PUTTING THINGS LIKE NEWSPAPERS, ALUMINUM CANS AND FOOD SCRAPS IN THE GARBAGE INSTEAD OF RECYCLE AND COMPOST BINS. THE NEW MANDATE WON'T ACTUALLY CHANGE THE TONS OF WASTE GENERATED BY THE COUNTY'S ONE-POINT-FIVE MILLION RESIDENTS. HOWEVER, IT COULD DIVERT UP TO 700 THOUSAND TONS OF PAPER, BOTTLES, CANS AND LEAVES THAT WOULD END UP IN LANDFILLS. THE WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSED PLAN FURTHER ON THURSDAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/06/11 REPORTED... A HUGE AND MESSY CLEANUP ON THE PENINSULA TONIGHT, AFTER A WATER-MAIN BREAK SWAMPED SEVERAL PROPERTIES ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED JUST AFTER NOON AND QUICKLY CALLED IN THE PUBIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WHEN FIREFIGHTERS DISCOVERED THE GUSHING WATER HAD ALREADY MOVED A DRIVEWAY AND PART OF THE SIDEWALK. THE BREAK APPEARED TO BE SPONTANEOUS. THE YARDS OUTSIDE THREE-HOMES WERE UNDERWATER. ONE HOMEOWNER WAS SO BUSY INSIDE, SHE DIDN'T REALIZE WHAT HAPPENED, UNTIL A FIREFIGHTER SHOWED UP ON HER FRONT PORCH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/09/11 REPORTED... A BRAWL IS BREWING IN SAN RAMON OVER WHETHER NEW ON-RAMPS AND OFF-RAMPS FOR BUSES AND CARPOOLS ON INTERSTATE 680 ARE A GOOD IDEA. NEIGHBORS NEAR NORRIS CANYON ROAD AND 680 ARE AFRAID THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO REBUILD THE NORRIS CANYON ROAD OVERPASS WILL MAKE LOCAL TRAFFIC WORSE. THEY'RE ALSO CONCERNED THE OVERPASS WILL BE UNSAFE FOR CHILDREN AND BIKERS WHO NOW USE IT. THE PROPOSED CHANGES ARE DESIGNED TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR COMMUTERS AND BUSES TO USE CARPOOL LANES. THE PROJECT IS NOT YET FUNDED, BUT CALTRANS IS IN THE PROCESS OF ASSESSING PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/12/11 REPORTED... A SCIENCE BUILDING ON THE U-C BERKELEY CAMPUS IS OPEN AGAIN, AFTER BEING SHUT DOWN OVER THE WEEKEND BECAUSE OF A FUEL SPILL. 17-HUNDRED GALLONS OF DIESEL LEAKED FROM A TANK AT STANLEY HALL, A BUILDING ACROSS FROM THE GREEK THEATRE, USED BY SCIENCE STUDENTS. A SCHOOL POLICE OFFICER DISCOVERED THE LEAK ON SATURDAY WHEN HE SMELLED FUEL IN STRAWBERRY CREEK... WHICH RUNS THROUGH THE CAMPUS. SOME OF THE DIESEL REACHED THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY. THE FUEL OVERFLOWED WHILE IT WAS BEING TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER STORAGE TANK. OFFICIALS DEEMED THE BUILDING SAFE EARLY THIS MORNING, JUST IN TIME FOR FINALS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/14/11 REPORTED... AN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP TRYING TO KEEP THE OAKLAND ZOO FROM EXPANDING INTO THE PARK NEXT DOOR HAS TWEAKED THEIR LAWSUIT: THEIR CONCERN NOW? EARTHQUAKES. THE GROUP, "FRIENDS OF KNOWLAND PARK," SAYS GEOLOGISTS MUST MAP-OUT SEISMIC HAZARD ZONES BEFORE THE STATE APPROVES THE EXPANSION. THE ZOO WANTS 54-ACRES OF THE WILDLAND TO BUILD A VETERINARY HOSPITAL, NEW EXHIBITS, A GONDOLA AND CAMPING AREA-- AMONG OTHER THINGS. THE GROUP ORIGINALLY SUED THIS SUMMER SAYING THE ZOO HADN'T SUBMITTED AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT BUT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED THE EXPANSION BECAUSE IT TURNS OUT THE ZOO DID GO THROUGH THE PROPER PROCESS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/19/11 REPORTED... PG&E SAYS IT WANTS TO GIVE CUSTOMERS THE OPTION OF USING ANALOG MECHANICAL METERS INSTEAD OF THE WIRELESS SMART METERS IT NOW REQUIRES. THE UTILITY HAS INSTALLED MORE THAN 9 MILLION DIGITAL METERS TO RECORD ENERGY USAGE IN CALIFORNIA. LAST WEEK, CITING HEALTH CONCERNS, SOME SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CUSTOMERS HAD ELECTRICIANS REMOVE THE METERS AND REPLACES THEM WITH OLD FASHIONED ANALOG MODELS. PG&E SAYS SMARTMETERS ARE SAFE, BUT TODAY, THE UTILITY ASKED THE C-P-U-C FOR PERMISSION TO LET PEOPLE OPT-OUT AND USE THE MECHANICAL MODELS--OR A DIFFERENT KIND OF SMARTMETER WITH LOWER RADIO EMISSIONS. OPTING OUT WILL COME AT A COST...WHICH HASN'T BEEN DETERMINED YET.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/26/11 REPORTED... THE COLD SNAP BLANKETING THE BAY AREA MAKES YOU WANT TO START A FIRE ...ONLY THE DRY WEATHER WE'VE BEEN HAVING IS MAKING FOR UNHEALTHY AIR QUALITY. EVERYONE IS URGED NOT TO BURN WOOD TONIGHT AND TOMORROW. SMOKE POLLUTION FROM THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND HAS BUILT UP TO VERY POOR LEVELS. THE BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT IS MAKING A RECOMMENDATION ONLY --TO HELP AVOID ISSUING A SPARE THE AIR ALERT. ANYONE CAUGHT VIOLATING THE ALERT CAN BE FINED 400- DOLLARS. THE BAY AREA AIR MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ALSO RECOMMENDS PEOPLE WHO SUFFER FROM ASTHMA OR OTHER LUNG CONDITIONS NOT WORKOUT OUTSIDE.

GOVERNMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/06/11 REPORTED... THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION TODAY MADE IT CLEAR THAT GAY RIGHTS ARE IMPORTANT AROUND THE WORLD AND IT WILL PROMOTE THAT VIEW THROUGH ITS FOREIGN AID AND DIPLOMACY. SPEAKING IN GENEVA TODAY, SECRETARY OF STATE HILLARY CLINTON DECLARED, "IT SHOULD NEVER BE A CRIME TO BE GAY." SHE DIDN'T NAME ANY COUNTRIES WITH POOR RECORDS ON GAY RIGHTS, BUT HER WARNING WAS DELIVERED TO AN AUDIENCE THAT INCLUDED DIPLOMATS FROM ARAB, AFRICAN AND OTHER NATIONS WHERE HOMOSEXUALITY IS ILLEGAL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/06/11 REPORTED... PRESIDENT OBAMA CONTINUES TO GO ON THE OFFENSIVE...TAKING HIS MESSAGE OF HELPING THE MIDDLE CLASS...TO MIDDLE AMERICA... THE PRESIDENT WAS IN KANSAS TO GIVE A SPEECH DIRECTED BOTH AT CAPITOL HILL AND THE LOCALS.WHILE REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS CONTINUE TO ARGUE ABOUT KEEPING A MIDDLE CLASS PAYROLL TAX CUT FROM EXPIRING AT THE END OF THE MONTH...THE PRESIDENT, AGAIN, CALLED FOR AN INCREASE IN TAXES ON THE RICHEST AMERICANS-- AND AN EXTENSION OF TAX CUTS FOR THE MIDDLE CLASS. DEMOCRATS ARE OFFERING TO PAY FOR THINGS BY RAISING TAXES ON THE RICH. REPUBLICANS EITHER SAY THAT'S NOT A COMPROMISE, OR OPPOSE EXTENDING THE CUTS ALTOGETHER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/07/11 REPORTED... ALL OF SAN JOSE'S POLICE OFFICERS ARE TAKING A PAY-HIT NOW-- IN THE HOPE THE DEPARTMENT CAN ESCAPE LAYOFFS IN THE COMING YEAR. POLICE OFFICERS TODAY REACHED A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY TO KEEP LAST YEAR'S 10-PERCENT PAY CUT IN EFFECT FOR ANOTHER YEAR. THE GOAL IS TO AVOID ADDITIONAL LAYOFFS.TODAY'S AGREEMENT WILL SAVE SAN JOSE 25-MILLION DOLLARS IN A TOUGH BUDGET YEAR.THE AGREEMENT ISN'T FINAL. IT MUST BE RATIFIED BY MEMBERS OF THE SAN JOSE POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/08/11 REPORTED... THE QUESTION OF WHETHER SAME-SEX MARRIAGE SHOULD BE LEGAL IN CALIFORNIA WAS HEARD TODAY IN THE 9TH U-S CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS. SUPPORTERS OF "PROP 8" WANT THE COURT TO SET ASIDE LAST YEAR'S RULING TO INVALIDATE THE BAN AFTER IT BECAME PUBLIC THE JUDGE IN THE CASE WAS INVOLVED IN A SAME-SEX RELATIONSHIP. PROP 8 BACKERS CALL CHIEF U-S DISTRICT JUDGE VAUGHN WALKER'S DECISION BIASED BECAUSE HE IS IN A SAME-SEX RELATIONSHIP. WALKER'S SUCCESSOR ALREADY REJECTED THE ARGUMENT EARLIER THIS YEAR. THE APPEALS COURT ALSO HEARD ARGUMENTS ABOUT WHETHER TO RELEASE VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDINGS OF THE 2010 TRIAL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/12/11 REPORTED... A COMPROMISE IN THE HOUSE ON TOUGHER SAFETY RULES FOR THE NATION'S FUEL PIPELINES. THE LEGISLATION WAS INSPIRED BY THE 2010 SAN BRUNO BLAST THAT KILLED 8 PEOPLE AND DESTROYED A NEIGHBORHOOD. IT REQUIRES GAS COMPANIES TO MEET MAXIMUM PRESSURE STANDARDS ON ALL PIPELINES, EVEN OLD ONES. PG&E'S CHAIRMAN SAYS THE UTILITY COMPANY UPDATED SAFETY POLICIES AND THEY ARE IN-LINE WITH THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION. CRITICS OF THE BILL WORRY IT DOES NOT MAKE AUTOMATIC SHUTOFF VALVES MANDATORY. THE SENATE IS EXPECTED TO SIGN OFF ON THE BILL SOON.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/14/11 REPORTED... A GRAND JURY HAS BEGUN INVESTIGATING SOLYNDRA. IT IS NEXT STEP IN THE FEDERAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE FREMONT BASED COMPANY. THE ROLE OF A GRAND

JURY WAS REVEALED IN DOCUMENTS FILED IN BANKRUPTCY COURT LAST WEEK. THE GRAND JURY ALSO SUBPOENAED R-W. BECK, A COMPANY HIRED BY THE FEDERAL ENERGY DEPARTMENT TO UNDERTAKE AN INDEPENDENT ENGINEERING REPORT AND MARKETING STUDY ABOUT SOLYNDRA'S TECHNOLOGY. SOLYNDRA, WHICH MADE TUBULAR SOLAR PANELS, FILED FOR BANKRUPTCY AFTER RECEIVING 535- MILLION DOLLARS IN FEDERAL LOAN GUARANTEES IN 2009.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/19/11 REPORTED... WE'LL HAVE A NEW AND DIFFERENT VOTING OPTION WHEN WE GO TO THE POLLS IN JUNE.. THE "AMERICANS ELECT" PARTY TURNED IN MORE THAN 1 MILLION SIGNATURES TO SECURE THEIR SPOT ON CALIFORNIA'S JUNE BALLOT. THE WASHINGTON, D.C.-BASED GROUP WANTS VOTERS TO NOMINATE A BIPARTISAN TICKET TO CHALLENGE THE DOMINANCE OF THE DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS. THE PARTY IS PLANNING SEVERAL ONLINE VOTES TO BE HELD UNTIL FINAL NOMINEES ARE CHOSEN DURING AN ONLINE CONVENTION IN JUNE. ANYONE CAN NOMINATE A CANDIDATE, BUT EVENTUALLY THE NOMINEE MUST CHOOSE TO RUN ON THE TICKET AND SELECT A RUNNING MATE FROM ANOTHER PARTY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/27/11 REPORTED... SAME-SEX COUPLES AREN'T JUST MISSING OUT ON THE "MARRIED" TITLE...THEY ARE PAYING A LOT MORE IN TAXES TOO. A NEW STUDY BY C-N-N TAX SPECIALISTS SHOWS THAT SAME-SEX SPOUSES ARE PAYING UP TO 6-THOUSAND DOLLARS MORE IN TAXES EACH YEAR COMPARED TO HETEROSEXUAL COUPLES. THATS BECAUSE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DOESN'T RECOGNIZE GAY MARRIAGE. EVEN IN STATES WERE GAY MARRIAGE IS LEGAL - SAME SEX COUPLES HAVE TO FILE AS SINGLE WHEN TURNING IN FEDERAL RETURNS. THE RESULT - THEY LOSE OUT ON THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS OF TAX BENEFITS THAT HETEROSEXUAL COUPLES QUALIFY FOR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/28/11 REPORTED... THE STAKES ARE HIGH. TOMORROW - THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT WILL DECIDE IF THE STATE CAN LEGALLY TAKE 1-POINT-7 BILLION DOLLARS IN REDEVELOPMENT MONEY TO HELP CLOSE CALIFORNIA'S BUDGET GAP. REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES ALONG WITH THE CITIES OF SAN JOSE AND UNION CITY HAVE FILED A LAWSUIT ... CLAIMING THE MOVE WOULD VIOLATE VOTER-APPROVED PROPOSITION-22 ... A MEASURE DESIGNED TO KEEP THE STATE FROM USING LOCAL FUNDING TO PAY ITS BILLS. BUT STATE LAWMAKERS AND GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN INSIST THE LEGISLATURE HAS THE FINAL SAY ON REDEVELOPMENT FUNDING. A DECISION IS EXPECTED BY 10-OCLOCK TOMORROW MORNING.

HEALTH/NUTRITION & DISEASE

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/02/11 REPORTED... A NEW PROGRAM IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY THAT'S TEACHING DEPUTIES TO BETTER DEAL WITH THE MENTALLY ILL IS MAKING A NAME FOR ITSELF ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY. IT'S ESTIMATED 10 TO 15 PERCENT OF ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S TIME IS SPENT DEALING WITH THE MENALLY ILL. SANTA CLARA COUNTY'S NEW, INTERACTIVE PROGRAM IS MADE POSSIBLE BY PROP 63, WHICH WAS CHAMPIONED BY SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEM DON PERATA. HE AGREES WITH MENTAL HEALTH LEADERS THAT PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION IS KEY. ORGANIZERS SAY THEY'RE ALREADY GETTING REQUESTS FOR THE TRAINING MATERIAL FROM AGENCIES ALL OVER THE NATION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/12/11 REPORTED... GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN IS MOVING FORWARD WITH A NEW STATE PLAN TO STREAMLINE ITS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM. THE NEW PLAN WILL FORM A

DEPARTMENT OF STATE HOSPITALS THAT WILL FOCUS ON PATIENTS IN STATE FACILITIES AND PRISONS. OTHER CHANGES INVOLVE ELIMINATING NEARLY ONE-THOUSAND JOBS BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR, SAVING THE STATE MORE THAN 300-MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY. THE JOB CUTS WILL BE THE RESULT OF ELIMINATING ALREADY VACANT POSTS AND THROUGH ATTRITION. CRITICS OF THE PLAN INCLUDE PSYCHIATRIC WORKERS WHO SAY THE CHANGES WILL REDUCE STAFFING RATIOS BY AT LEAST 30-PERCENT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/12/11 REPORTED... AFTER GROWING SAFETY CONCERNS. A NEW STUDY FINDS A-D-H-D DRUGS DO NOT INCREASE THE RISK OF HEART ATTACK OR STROKE IN ADULTS. THE DRUGS - USED TO INCREASE ATTENTION AND FOCUS - CAN ALSO INCREASE HEART RATE AND BLOOD PRESSURE. A STUDY IN THE JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION SHOWS- ADULTS WHO TAKE A-D-H-D MEDICATION DON'T SHOW AN INCREASE IN HEART ATTACKS OR STROKE COMPARED TO PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT ON ANY MEDICATIONS. A SIMILAR STUDY FOUND THE SAME RESULTS IN YOUNG ADULTS AND TEENS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/21/11 REPORTED... ANOTHER FIGHT IS SHAPING UP IN THE EAST BAY...BETWEEN NURSES AT ALTA BATES SUMMIT MEDICAL CENTER -- AND THEIR BOSSES. SEVERAL THOUSAND REGISTERED NURSES ARE PLANNING A ONE-DAY WALKOUT TOMORROW AT NINE BAY AREA HOSPITALS. THE HOSPITAL IS VOWING TO LOCK OUT NURSES WHO DON'T SHOW UP, AND IS BRINGING IN REPLACEMENT NURSES FROM OUT OF STATE. SUMMIT PATIENT JUDITH MING DIED AS A RESULT OF A MEDICAL ERROR BY A REPLACEMENT NURSE DURING THE LAST LOCKOUT. THE SAME COMPANY WILL PROVIDE SOME OF THE NURSES FOR THE UPCOMING PLANNED STRIKE. NURSES SAY THEY WILL HAVE A PATIENT PROTECTION TASK FORCE AVAILABLE AT EACH FACILITY. THE INVESTIGATION INTO MONG'S DEATH IS STILL NOT COMPLETE

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/22/11 REPORTED... TIME TO CHECK YOUR MEDICINE CABINETS - JOHNSON AND JOHNSON ISSUED A RECALL OF MOTRIN PAIN RELIEVERS. PILLS MANUFACTURED BETWEEN FEBRUARY 2009 AND JULY OF THIS YEAR -- MAY NOT DISSOLVE PROPERLY AS THEY GET CLOSER TO THEIR 3-YEAR EXPIRATION DATE. THE PILLS ARE STILL TECHNICALLY SAFE FOR CONSUMPTION - BUT AREN'T AS EFFECTIVE. THE COMPANY IS RECALLING ABOUT 12 MILLION BOTTLES - BUT ONLY FROM RETAILERS, NOT CONSUMERS. THE RECALL IS THE SIXTH OF ITS KIND IN TWO YEARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/27/11 REPORTED... A MAN ACCUSED OF PERFORMING SURGERY WHILE POSING AS A DOCTOR, PLEADED NOT GUILTY IN A SAN FRANCISCO COURTROOM TODAY. PROSECUTORS SAY 49-YEAR-OLD CARLOS GUZMANGARZA PERFORMED LIPOSUCTION ON A WOMAN, WHILE USING THE STOLEN IDENTITY OF A PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT. THE WOMAN LATER GOT A SERIOUS INFECTION AND HAD TO SEEK TREATMENT FROM ANOTHER DOCTOR. GUZMAN-GARZA IS BEING CHARGED FOUR COUNTS OF PRACTICING MEDICINE WITHOUT A LICENSE AND THREE COUNTS OF ASSAULT. HE'S SET TO RETURN TO COURT NEXT WEEK FOR A BAIL HEARING.

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NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/02/11 REPORTED... NEWLY-RELEASED F-B-I DOCUMENTS INDICATE THE BUREAU PERFORMED BACKGROUND CHECKS ON MUSLIMS WHO ATTENDED EVENTS ORGANIZED TO EASE TENSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS. HEAVILY BLACKED-OUT DOCUMENTS OBTAINED BY THE A-C-L-U SHOW THE "FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION" PERFORMED CHECKS ON A NUMBER OF PEOPLE BETWEEN 2007 AND 2009. THOSE PEOPLE TARGETED IN THE CHECKS

ATTENDED MUSLIM-RELATED EVENTS ORGANIZED BY THE BUREAU'S "COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM." THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION ACCUSES THE FEDS OF MISUSING THOSE EVENTS TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON ATTENDEES INSTEAD OF ACTUALLY IMPROVING RELATIONS BETWEEN MUSLIMS AND THE F-B-I.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/06/11 REPORTED... FOR THE SIXTH STRAIGHT YEAR, ARRESTS ALONG THE U-S MEXICAN BORDER HAVE DROPPED. IN FACT, ARRESTS OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ALONG THE BORDER WITH MEXICO ARE AT THE LOWEST LEVEL SINCE RICHARD NIXON WAS PRESIDENT. IT'S A DRAMATIC CHANGE FROM 2000, WHEN THERE WAS THE ALL-TIME HIGH OF 1-POINT-SIX MILLION ARRESTS. IN THE PAST YEAR, THE BORDER PATROL HAS ARRESTED ABOUT 320-THOUSAND PEOPLE TRYING TO CROSS INTO THE US. HOWEVER, NEARLY 400-THOUSAND PEOPLE WERE DEPORTED OVER THE SAME PERIOD... WHICH IS A RECORD HIGH. THAT IS ALSO THE FIRST TIME IN DECADES THAT OFFICIAL REMOVALS HAVE BEEN GREATER THAN ARRESTS. NEARLY, TWO-THIRDS OF THE COUNTRY'S ESTIMATED 10-POINT-TWO MILLION ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS HAVE BEEN LIVING IN THE U-S FOR AT LEAST TEN YEARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/13/11 REPORTED... THE NTSB IS RECOMMENDING A FEDERAL BAN ON THE USE OF CELL PHONES WHILE DRIVING... EXCEPT FOR IN EMERGENCIES. THAT WOULD ALSO INCLUDE THE USE OF A CELL PHONE WITH A HANDS FREE DEVICE... UNLESS THE DRIVER WAS USING THE CAR'S BUILT IN BLUE TOOTH. THE SAFETY BOARD SAYS DISTRACTED DRIVING IS THE NEW DUI... CALLING IT AN EPIDEMIC. THEY SAY NEARLY 3100 PEOPLE WERE KILLED LAST YEAR BECAUSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVERS. THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION SAYS AT ANY GIVEN MOMENT 13.5 MILLION DRIVERS ARE USING A HAND HELD PHONE. CALIFORNIA IS ONE OF 35 STATES THAT ALREADY HAS SOME FORM OF CELL PHONE AND TEXTING LAW ON THE BOOKS. THAT LEGISLATION WAS PROPOSED BY STATE SENATOR JOE SIMITIAN AND IT WENT INTO EFFECT JULY 1ST OF 2008. SIMITIAN SAYS IN THE FIRST YEAR THAT CALIFORNIA BANNED TEXTING WHILE DRIVING AND LIMITED CELL PHONE USE TO HANDS FREE DEVICES... WE HAD 700 FEWER DEATHS ON THE ROAD.. AND 100 THOUSAND FEWER COLLISIONS. BUT EVEN SIMITIAN SAYS THE IDEA OF AN OUTRIGHT BAN ON ALL CELL PHONE USE... IS NOT LIKELY TO PASS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/13/11 REPORTED... U-C SAN FRANCISCO ANNOUNCED SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO ITS SHUTTLE BUSES TODAY. SHUTTLES ARE NOW EQUIPPED WITH LAP BELTS, AND SOME DRIVERS ARE NOW GIVEN MORE TIME TO COMPLETE THEIR ROUTES. IN ADDITION, THE BUSES HAVE SIGNS WITH THE SHUTTLE'S I-D NUMBER AND A PHONE NUMBER SO RIDERS CAN CALL TO REPORT COMPLAINTS. THE CHANGES COME AFTER A DEADLY SHUTTLE BUS CRASH IN JULY THAT KILLED A UNIVERSITY PSYCHIATRIST. THE BUS DID NOT HAVE SEAT BELTS. 52-YEAR-OLD KEVIN MACK DIED AFTER BEING THROWN FROM THE SHUTTLE WHEN IT CRASHED INTO A TRACTOR TRAILER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/13/11 REPORTED... A DANGEROUS STUNT GONE WRONG IS PROMPTING A COMMUNITY MEETING THIS SATURDAY IN ALAMEDA COUNTY. LAST WEEK, A 30-POUND CANNONBALL WENT SHOOTING THROUGH A DUBLIN NEIGHBORHOOD, DAMAGING TWO HOMES AND A PARKED CAR. THE STUNT WAS BEING SHOT FOR THE DISCOVERY CHANNEL SHOW "MYTHBUSTERS" AT THE COUNTY'S BOMB RANGE NEARBY. THE CANNONBALL WENT DRASTICALLY OFF COURSE. NO ONE WAS HURT, BUT RESIDENTS WERE UPSET BECAUSE CHILDREN USUALLY PLAY NEAR THE AREA WHERE THE CANNONBALL LANDED. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SHOW ARE EXPECTED TO BE AT THE MEETING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/16/11 REPORTED... CALIFORNIA PRISON OFFICIALS SPENT 6 YEARS COMING UP WITH NEW RULES FOR LETHAL INJECTIONS. TODAY, A JUDGE SAID THEY AREN'T GOOD ENOUGH, AND SENT

THEM BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD. THERE HAS BEEN A MORATORIUM ON EXECUTIONS IN THE STATE SINCE THE "THREE" DRUG INJECTION SYSTEM USED HERE WAS RULED--POTENTIALLY CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT. THE JUDGE CONSIDERING WHETHER THE NEW RULES WERE ANY BETTER THAN THE OLD ONES SAYS THE ONE DRUG INJECTION METHOD USED IN OTHER STATES WAS NEVER CONSIDERED. TODAY'S RULING PUTS THE STATE BACK TO SQUARE ONE. THE DECISION WILL BE APPEALED. IF IT HOLDS UP, EXPERTS SAY THE 718 DEATH ROW INMATES WILL GET A REPRIEVE THAT COULD LAST FOR YEARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/23/11 REPORTED... HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE IN NEW ZEALAND COULD BE WITHOUT POWER FOR DAYS AFTER A QUAKE SWARM. THE FIRST FIVE-POINT-EIGHT MAGNITUDE QUAKE STRUCK YESTERDAY AFTERNOON ABOUT 16-MILES NORTH OF CHRISTCHURCH. MINUTES LATER, A FIVE-POINT-THREE MAGNITUDE AFTERSHOCK HIT. THERE WERE NO IMMEDIATE REPORTS OF SERIOUS INJURIES OR WIDESPREAD DAMAGE. THE CITY IS STILL RECOVERING FROM A DEVASTATING FEBRUARY EARTHQUAKE THAT KILLED 182 PEOPLE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/28/11 REPORTED... THE FDA IS REVIEWING IT'S WARNING ABOUT PET SNACKS MADE IN CHINA. SO FAR THIS YEAR, THERE HAVE BEEN MORE THAN 350 REPORTS OF ILLNESSES TIED TO IMPORTED CHICKEN JERKY PRODUCTS. THEY MAY ALSO BE SOLD AS CHICKEN TENDERS, CHICKEN STRIPS OR CHICKEN TREATS. VETERINARIANS AND DOG OWNERS SAY AFFECTED ANIMALS HAVE SUFFERED A RANGE OF SYMPTOMS WITHIN HOURS OR DAYS OF EATING THE JERKY, INCLUDING KIDNEY FAILURE, AND A SERIOUS CONDITION MARKED BY LOW BLOOD SUGAR. THE FDA IS STILL WORKING TO PIN-POINT THE EXACT SOURCE, AND HASN'T ISSUED ANY RECALLS.

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